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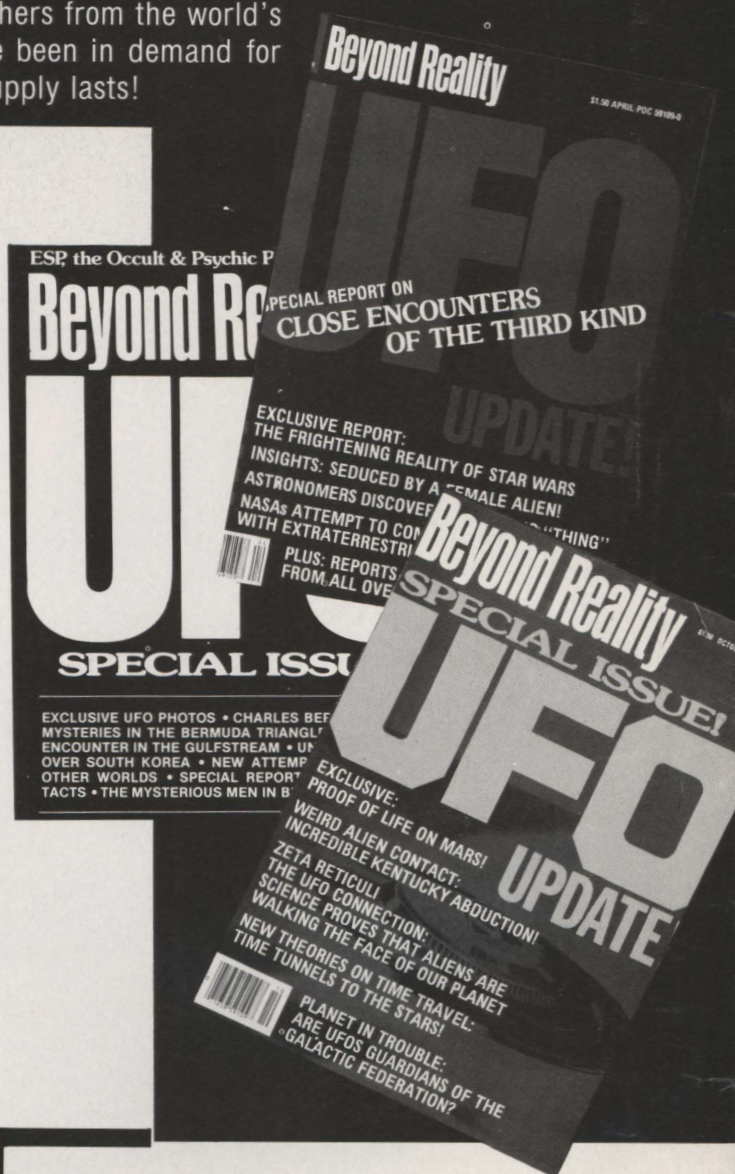
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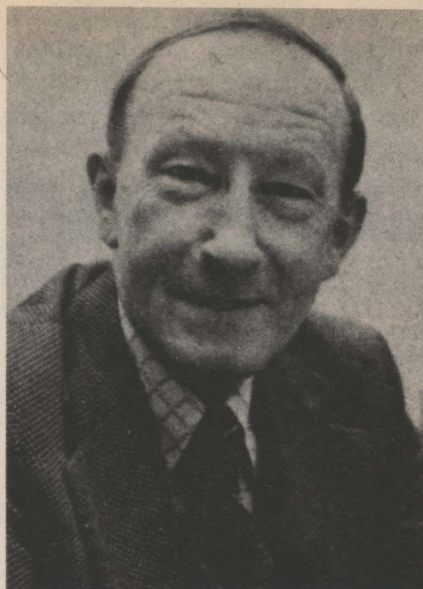
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A SCIENTIST SPEAKS OUT

**Blumrich believes
that the
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in the
bible was
a shuttle craft
employing the
same techniques
used in landing
our astronauts
on the moon**

BY RAMONA CORTEZ



Josef Blumrich

Josef F. Blumrich is a man who believes in logic. He is also an engineer, chief of Systems Layout Branch of the Marshall Space Flight Center, who helped develop The Skylab space shuttle and the Saturn 5 rocket. Blumrich's career as an engineer began in 1934 with the German aircraft industry. He has been working with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) the past twenty years. He came to the United States from Austria in 1959 to join the American space program. His work was so outstanding that in 1972 the agency presented him with the "Exceptional Service Medal."

Blumrich believes that beings from outer space landed on this planet over 2,600 years ago. These beings were able to use equipment more advanced than anything our technology can develop in the next twenty years. How does he explain all this?

It all started in the fall of 1970 when he read a copy of Erich von Daniken's, *Chariots of the Gods?*, which was printed in German.

"When I came to the passages about Ezekiel, I put von Daniken's book aside and took out one of my Bibles. I told my wife that I would prove that he was wrong." But to his amazement Blumrich saw a few things in the Bible that were

quite logical. In the first chapter Ezekiel describes a structure with various wheels. Blumrich was startled to find that he had designed similar structures himself. Here is part of the chapter from an English translation of Ezekiel's sighting:

"One day late in June when I was 30, the heavens were suddenly opened to me. I saw in this vision a great storm coming towards me from the north, driving before it a huge cloud glowing with fire, with a mass of fire inside it that flashed continually; and in the fire there was something that shone like polished brass.

Then, from the center of the cloud, four strange forms appeared that looked like men except that each had four faces and two pairs of wings...and beneath their wings I could see human hands.

Blumrich said that by using mathematical formulas he was able to determine the craft Ezekiel described was similar to a child's spinning top, concave on the bottom with a crew compartment located on the upper side. The ship was 55 feet in diameter, and the length of the rotor blades was 35 to 36 feet long. Blumrich also figured that "the thrust of the engine would have been about 280,000 pounds not much when you consider the Saturn 5 goes into the millions." He believes the vehicle mentioned in the Bible was a shuttle craft employing the same techniques used in landing men on the moon. Many of his associates are interested in Blumrich's ideas about ancient astronauts, but some are skeptical, "as scientists should be."

Bantam Books published his ideas and views in the United States, and the book has gone into several printings. Because Blumrich is a space engineer who is applying his technical knowledge and experience to prove his ideas, his book stood out from the many others dealing with the same subject. Asked why he wrote the book Blumrich said the main reason for publishing his theories was to encourage other engineers to do more research on the past. □

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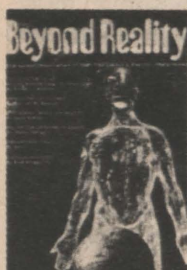
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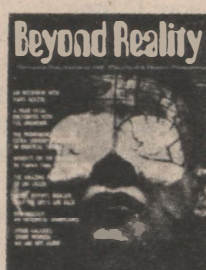
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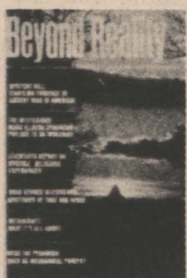
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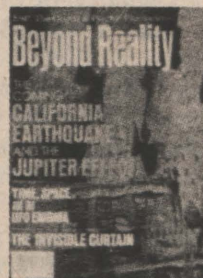
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Reader Feedback

Dear Editor:

After many years of studying and doing research on psychic mysteries and strange events, I have come to my own conclusion, following a theory suggested by a friend, in regard to the UFO mystery.

In the many articles, reports and books on the subject of UFOs, the most frequent questions asked by many persons are, "Why have they never officially contacted this planet, and why does the government try to cover up any evidence of the existence of UFOs? Instead of looking for the answers in the field of supernatural, time travel, hallucinations, etc, I believe the truth lies along more practical lines, with the possibility this planet has been contacted by an alien race, and the government, or several governments, having full knowledge of this.

But if the planet accepted an offer of advanced technology from an alien civilization, making it possible for the world to no longer depend on oil, steel, electricity, or even transportation as we know it, it could mean mass unemployment and perhaps financial ruin for giant corporations and powerful business organizations around the world.

For such reasons the governments may be forced by influential international business organizations to try to cover up and avoid any contact with an advanced alien civilization, and at the same time giving the public silly excuses to explain away UFOs.

Of course there will be those who will not agree with this theory, but can any one prove that the government has not been contacted secretly by an advanced alien race?

Stan Farnsworth
Lakeside, Halifax County
Nova Scotia, Canada

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you about the article *It Came From Another World* (August 1978) concerning the Tungus explosion which rocked central Siberia on the morning of June 30, 1908.

If the mysterious Tungus explosion of 1908 cannot be definitely identified as a meteorite, comet or even a spaceship from another world, the possibility is that a traceless meteorite may have been composed of antimatter.

The possibility of the existence of such a thing as "antimatter" was postulated for the first time by the British physicist Paul A.M. Dirac, who suggested, out of purely theoretical considerations, that for each type of subatomic particle there had to exist an "antiparticle." These antiparticles would have the same properties and characteristics of normal matter but in reverse order. They would be, in effect, mirror-images of normal matter.

There is reason to believe that somewhere in the universe, probably beyond the reach of any of our instruments, exists antimatter counterparts of the creation we know, with antigalaxies, antistars, antiplanets and even anti-people.

When matter and antimatter meet, all the mass is converted into energy instantly producing one hundred times as much energy as nuclear fusion.

Since no large crater was found at the forest in Tungus, and no meteorite itself, it was concluded by the Russian Academy of Science that the impact had vaporized it because the explosion it produced was as powerful as that of the volcano which, in 1883, blew up the island of Krakatoa.

Scientists are certainly curious as to what actually did happen at Tungus 1908, but evidence is

piling up that something more than a comet is responsible for that tremendous explosion—an explosion that destroyed the forest throughout a thirty-five mile diameter. The light was visible at a distance of 250 miles and its sound was heard almost 620 miles away. The burned area covered some nineteen miles.

An infinite universe seems to be opening to our view and that this universe shows a sign of infinite Power.

Sincerely
Phillip J. Rapich
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Dear Editor:

I disagree with Pat Bontempo's article, "The Secret of Spitzbergen: Has a Crashed UFO Been Recovered?", (*UFO Update*, Fall 1978) in which he claims that the large UFO which crashed on the island of Spitzbergen in 1952 came from another planet.

Mr. Bontempo states that the first reports claimed that this UFO was of Russian origin because of Russian symbols found on the vehicle's instruments. Later reports denied this and in 1955 British officials stated that this craft was made in this planet.

The truth behind this sighting and other more recent UFO cases can be found in an article entitled "Flying Saucers: The Real Story: U.S. Built First One In 1942," which appeared in the April 7, 1950 edition of *U.S. News & World Report*. The article described how the first one was built by The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, a U.S. Government agency which was later renamed The National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The article reviews the development of these vehicles and describes the ones flying in 1950:

"These accounts show saucers to be exactly 105 feet in diameter, circular in shape. They have what appear to be jet nozzles arranged all around the outer rim, just below the center of gravity. They are made of a metal alloy, with a dull whitish color. Power for these aircraft, at their present stage of development, is supplied by jet engines. Each saucer appears to have a series of variable-direction jet nozzles around its rim, with a complicated central control system."

Notice the similar description of the jet nozzles on the U.S. built UFOs in 1950 and the one found in Spitzbergen in 1952. The Russians could have developed similar ships in the 1940s because the article also states that Germany and Italy were building the same type of vehicles in World War II. Therefore, this crashed saucer could have been built in the Soviet Union.

The article goes on to explain that the U.S. Navy was responsible for most of the UFOs flying around the U.S.A. and it explained how the Navy was able to pay for such an incredible project:

"Big spending on missile aircraft centers in the Navy now, too. More than twice as many dollars were spent by the Navy last year as by the Air Force on secret guided missile research. There is no public accounting for these millions, the only Government funds aside from atomic energy dollars that are still being spent with great secrecy.

"Surface indications, then, point to research centers of the U.S. Navy's vast guided-missile project as the scene of present flying-saucer development. That project has the scientists, the engineers, the dollars, the motive, and the background of early Navy development of saucer-type aircraft

This likelihood will remain, despite any future denials by the Navy front office, until secrecy is lifted on this big missile program."

The article also shows photographs of the U.S. Navy flying saucers. The Spitzbergen UFO could have either been of American or Russian manufacture. I believe that the vehicle was made in the USSR because NATO countries could not officially admit that they shot down and probably killed Russian crew members. At any rate this article in *U.S. News* does document the fact that UFOs could not be coming from other planets.

Michael Cohen
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Dear Editor:

I picked up a copy of your *UFO Update* the other day and was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the material therein. At long last something has appeared to fill the vacuum left by the fiasco that betook *Official UFO*.

Congratulations on a fine publication.

William B. Moore
Herman, MN 56248

Dear Editor:

You have done a fine job on your publication *UFO Update*. I sincerely believe that it is a very valuable addition to the present UFO magazines. I hope you are able to maintain its present standard as there are far too many publications that can not be relied upon as credible.

I have been interested in UFOs for about fifteen years and about two years ago, I got off my armchair and began some serious research. I am not really interested in doing investigations since there are several others in the

area who do a fine job in this field. By researcher, I mean one who is interested in searching through the vast data for patterns and asking *why* while seeking the answer logically. By this, I do not mean *why* are they here, rather, the *why* of the objects' actions: *why* did the object stop chasing the car when another car approached? *Why* did the object move out of the light beam? *Why* do the objects glow at night, etc.

Granted, there are some fine researchers in the field, but to me there appears to be a great lack of common logic applied to the UFO situation.

Robert G. Neeley, Jr.
Decatur, Illinois

Dear Editor:

I am sure you will print the following since the search for the truth must go on. Agreed?

Miss Alice Walker of Toronto, Canada, where are you? I read your story in a UFO magazine. Your visions, certain of your experiences, are not merely similar, but identical with my own. I too am an ex-WAAF, (Signals), psychic from birth. I have known, what you call, the Light Forces, from teenage years, not, however, connected always with UFOs. I have been given messages in spiritualist churches long before I knew of the existence of UFOs. I have had many astral travels; including visits with alien contacts on board their spacecraft, and all the visions, such as yours, prophetic visions and ordinary dreams, have come true.

I would like to meet you Alice, please write me because we have many things to discuss.

Sincerely
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UFO Update



—MONROE, WISCONSIN

The town of Monroe has been plagued by a number of UFO sightings for the past few weeks. Jake Kaderly, who lives on Route One, Juda, told of the latest sighting at the sheriff's office: "The UFO was like a flying oval, dark red with a light red center." He observed this flying object while driving on Wisconsin 11-81, a mile west of Monroe at about 9 p.m. Kaderly said he saw this UFO land about one half mile from him on the highway for about 30 seconds and then take off at tremendous speed leaving a shower of sparks.

—HICKORY, N.C.

Five young girls, ranging in age from 9 to 16, reported sighting a large unidentified flying object.

The girls described this UFO as a round saucer, about 50 feet in diameter with two fins on the back and a small dome on top.

The vehicle turned several colors while the girls were viewing it from Hunting Park. The girls also reported a sensation of warmth on their skin while the machine was changing colors.

Although the girls informed the police about this sighting, the authorities refused to investigate.

—STANFORD, KENTUCKY

Curt Folger of Danville Avenue, Stanford, spotted a large UFO near the Lincoln County community of McKinney. This was the same area that three women were reported kidnapped in January 1976 by a UFO.

The UFO seen by Mr. Folger was round, green in color and had white and green lights on the rim.

The Strategic Air Command became involved in this sighting when reporters called Major Jim Wagner of the Blue Grass Air

Force Base. He claimed that radar at the base detected nothing unusual on the night of the sighting and stated that Mr. Folger must have seen a helicopter.

Mr. Folger denied he saw a helicopter. He said that he was familiar with helicopters, and this was not a helicopter.

—LAGUNA BEACH, CALIF.

Laguna Beach resident Tom Adolph accidentally overheard a phone conversation between a CIA agent and his superiors in Washington when he used a broken pay phone.

Here are some excerpts of the conversation:

"Same footprints as before at the site..."

"No I.D. made on occupants."

"Vehicle was seen on radar and tracked to a touchdown."

"Media was told it was a rocket from the Western Test Range that went off course and had to be destroyed."

"San Diego Naval Air Station lost three F-4 fighters when they attempted to intercept..."

Mr. Adolph, who has a very good reputation as a businessman in this community, has agreed to undergo a session of hypnosis to be conducted by a physician associated with the police department.

He has already passed a lie detector test given by the police and they want to make absolutely sure through hypnosis that he is telling the truth. So far, the Air Force and the Pentagon have refused to make any statement on the contents of this telephone conversation.

—HARTFORD, CONN.

Dozens of UFOs were seen over the city of Hartford and its suburbs. Hundreds of people called

the Hartford police to report strange flying machines in a V-type formation.

Most callers said the objects were white, round and had rods going through them. One witness said he saw one of the UFOs land in a field while he was driving down the highway.

Another witness said he saw a UFO "mother ship" at an altitude of about one mile above the city. It was about 300 feet long and about 50 feet wide with small fins towards the back of the vehicle.

A woman claimed that she saw small flying discs leave the front of the mother ship and head southwest towards New York City.

The Hartford police notified the Air Force about these reports.

—LONDON, ENGLAND

Ethel Field was burned on the legs and arms by a UFO as she was walking in the garden behind her home in Seaview Road.

She claims an oval-shaped object approached her house with two men in close fitting suits and helmets sitting in the dome. A bright light came from the dome and she held up her hands to protect her eyes. The UFO disappeared immediately and she started to feel intense pain on her arms and legs. A doctor later identified the wounds as radiation burns.

There were three other witnesses to this attack. One of them, George Smyth, stated to the press that the silver suits of the UFO pilots reminded him of the type of suits which are used in nuclear power plants. He has worked in such plants for many years.

The British Atomic Energy Commission along with the Royal Air Force are investigating this report.

—MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Larry Worke might have been a skeptic before, but after his encounter with a "flying boxcar," as he calls it, he's a firm believer in UFOs.

Worke and his partner, Theresa Erickson, were returning to Billing Prairie, Minneapolis from Faribault when it all happened. It was around 12 midnight when they spotted the object in the moonlit sky. "We saw it over Richardson's gas station in Bixby. I stopped the car, got out and turned off the car lights. The object was directly overhead, about 500 to 1,000 feet high," Worke said.

"The darn thing was big, and shaped like a boxcar. It was humming and it had red and blue blinking lights."

Curious as to what it could be, they followed the UFO as it glided toward the town of Owatonna. As they watched, they saw the object join up with another one that flashed into view. As the objects joined up a third, smaller one, descended from the larger one.

Worke said the objects would do "weird things such as accelerate, spin, drop and raise up." He also said that the lights would also change colors.

A spokesman at the Owatonna Airport said that a radar operator saw some unknown blips on his screen. "They just appeared there suddenly, and in a flash they were gone. I honestly don't know what they could have been, and we'll probably never know."

—SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

A round white object firing a stream of orange flame was spotted not once, but twice, in Sonoma County, California, by an ex-Air Force service officer and other observers who reported it to

the county sheriff's office.

The eerie sighting spurred the UFO center in Southern California to check reports given to them the day before of similar sightings in the same area. Both accounts told of a giant round object moving slower than a jet but in no apparent direction, "its path was erratic and terrifying."

The California UFO Center said that they can only speculate as to what the unknown airship was and where it came from.

—JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Two local residents of Noroad, Florida, are not blaming the local authority for a recent blackout they experienced, instead the cause was accredited to a force of UFOs which they spotted close to their home.

Late one evening, all the electricity in the couple's home suddenly shut off without warning leaving them no alternative but to run outside to seek the cause. What they found not only astonished them but the local police officer as well. Patrolman Perry Riley told of seeing several multicolored UFOs in the sky moving towards the west.

Not fearing what may lie ahead, the young couple jumped into their car and drove to the end of Noroad and into a wooded area. There they claim to have found an apparent invasion force.

From about a half mile away, they said they spotted about five oval-shaped objects moving about and darting from place to place. They told Patrolman Riley the objects would stop and take off at high speeds again.

Although the UFOs did not cause any damage or destruction, immediately after their departure, all of the electrical services were fully restored.

—MONTVILLE, CONNECTICUT

A bizarre account of a UFO hovering around a house in Mont-

ville, was reported to the Air Force's national center for UFO data in Chicago.

Mrs. Gladys Johnson of Hidden Acres Road said that one evening, around midnight, she observed that her driveway was oddly illuminated in an alien glow. The report was made to Officer Mike Cooney who was dispatched to investigate the incident.

She looked out of her window and saw what she first thought to be a star. Several of her children observed the same. Officer Mike Cooney said that the family's two dogs also began to growl in unison according to Mrs. Johnson and that the apparent star became brighter and larger as it closed in on the house.

The object was described by Mrs. Johnson, and nearby motorists, as being oblong, 10 to 12 feet long with small lights around the circumference and a larger one in the center as it passed the front of her house the uncanny glow lit the entire interior emitting enough light to read by.

The object suddenly got very bright and flashed out of sight!

Cooney said that the unusual circumstances of the alleged UFO sighting made it worth sending a report to the Air Force. A follow-up investigation may occur concerning the authenticity of the report.

—GREEN BANK, W. VIRGINIA

A mysterious repeat radio signal coming from the area of one of our nearest stars, Barnard's Star, was picked up by a team of scientists while scanning more than 600 nearby stars in a special project called Ozma II.

The significance of a second radio signal lies in the fact that a single signal can be a random wave emitted from the stars and vast clouds of interstellar hydrogen. But, a second signal, although in a slightly lower frequency, may indicate a message is

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THOUSANDS OF NEW YORKERS SAW THEM!

UFOs OVER NEW YORK CITY

At 9:30 p.m. on April 29, 1977 a large UFO was seen over the Bronx, one of the five boroughs that make up New York City. The next morning, the *Daily News* reported this sighting as "Thing In the Sky Alarms Bronx." The story reported how residents near the Throggs Neck Bridge, which connects the Bronx and Queens, another borough, saw a large circular spinning object, brightly lit and heading towards the bridge. A few of these people called the Barclay Avenue police station where Officer John Elio took their calls. One resident reported that the UFO "looked like it had windows with lights in them."

I have been investigating UFO incidents in and around the New York City area for the past several years and I tried to find out more about this sighting. Several days later I called Officer Elio at his station and he told me that he was at the switchboard when the first call came in at 9:30 p.m. This call was quickly followed by 10 others. Officer Elio said he had never experienced anything like this in the nine years he has been assigned to this area.

Actually there have been other UFO sightings near the Throggs Neck Bridge. Unfortunately, these sightings did not get the publicity as the April 29 sighting. On the night of May 15, 1976 people started calling the Bronx fire department at about 10 p.m.

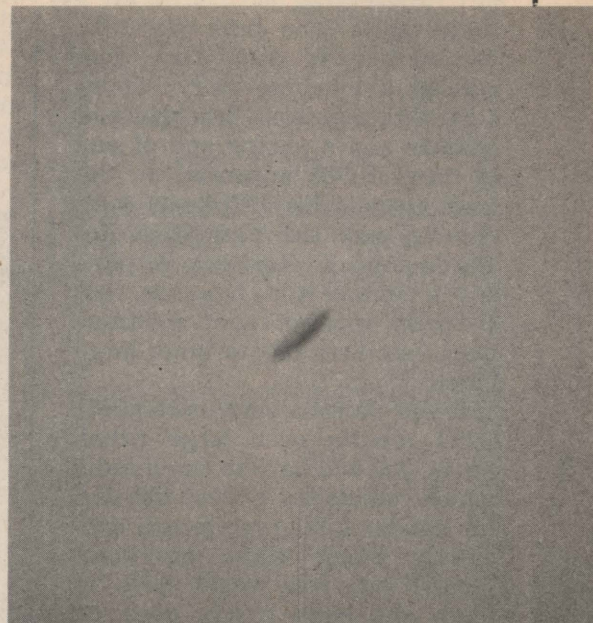
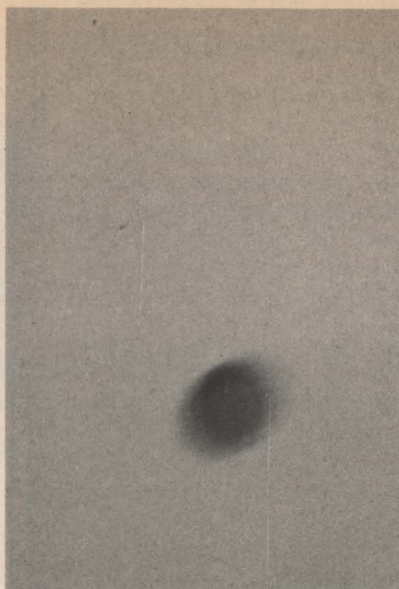
claiming that they saw an aircraft falling into the water near the bridge. Others called claiming that they saw a "boat" burning on the water and other mysterious glowing lights.

I was listening to the fire department frequency for that part of the Bronx that night when the calls started going out. The department dispatcher told certain fire units to go to the heights overlooking the water and see if they could locate the fallen plane and/or burning boat. He then told his units that police, fire and Coast Guard helicopters, planes and boats were heading for the area in order to investigate these reports. After searching for about an hour, the search was called off and it was officially classified as "10-92" or unfounded. In my opinion the only type of "aircraft" which can dive into the water, give off a tremendous amount of light and then completely disappear is a UFO.

UFOs have been seen over New York City many times but few of these sightings reached the mass media except for the very dramatic and with many witnesses. Muhammad Ali made the newspapers a couple of years ago when he reported seeing UFOs following him as he ran around Central Park in Manhattan in the early hours of the morning. Mr. Ali was accompanied in his training sessions by many reporters who also saw

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**Some persons
who have reported
seeing several
cigar-shaped UFOs
over Brooklyn,
estimated their size
as over 100 feet
long. Rows of
blinking red
lights could be
seen on their sides.**

these UFOs. The June 5th, 1978 edition of *The New York Post* carried a headline story about UFO sightings over Brooklyn and Queens and a photograph of one of these UFOs appeared on the front page. This UFO was seen moving over the East River towards John F. Kennedy Airport. It is a general rule, however, that the press does not report sightings over New York City or other large cities.

If you want to learn more about UFO reports over large urban areas, you will have to buy a radio which carries the police, fire and air bands. UFO reports are constantly being made on these bands, but you would have to know the code words used by government and airline people when a UFO sighting takes place. The terms "UFO" or "flying saucer" are rarely used on these frequencies.

If you live in a large urban area near a large body of water, the fire band could be the most useful in tracking down sightings. A typical sighting starts when people call the fire department reporting a burning "boat" on the water or some other mysterious lights at night. The fire department dispatcher will usually send fire boats to the area in question. If there are many witnesses, such as in the incident at the Throggs Neck Bridge, then helicopters and planes will be called out. If the fire units report back to the dispatcher that they have found no evidence of a burning boat and the calls are classified as "unfounded," then this was probably a UFO sighting. Such sightings are usually limited to one area on the water and these reports of "burning boats" could go on every night for weeks. The western part of Long Island Sound near the Bronx has a long history of mysterious burning objects at night.

There is a theory that UFOs are powered by nuclear reactors. If this is true, then they would need to go into the water periodically in



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"I tried to contact
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just impossible"**

order to cool their reactors just as large atomic power plants need hundreds of tons of water per hour to cool their massive reactors. The burning lights could be coming from the UFOs' over-heated reactors just before they go under the water. There is evidence that UFOs give off a tremendous amount of heat because there are well documented sightings of them burning large circles in the ground when they land and giving off large amounts of steam as they enter the water during the daylight hours.

In his famous book, *Invisible Residents*, Ivan T. Sanderson claimed that at least half of all UFO sightings take place on or near the water. This famous scientist believed that there was an advanced civilization living under the oceans. Perhaps the aliens have some underwater bases near our large urban areas.

Besides the Throggs Neck Bridge and Long Island Sound areas, another part of New York which is notorious for UFO sightings is the Hudson River. According to the March 3, 1976 edition of *The Village Voice*, a local New York newspaper with a national reputation, two dramatic sightings were reported on the New Jersey Palisades which are directly across the river from Manhattan. The first sighting included several very reputable witnesses who reported that a UFO with a diameter of 30 feet landed in a park near the river in January 1975. Eleven small humanoids emerged from this UFO and dug many holes in the ground around the ship. The same type of UFO reappeared and landed exactly at the same spot one year later.

I visited the area after several of these sightings appeared in the press. After speaking to people who lived in Riverdale, an area of the Bronx bordering the Hudson, I discovered that such sightings are quite common. I went to a friend's apartment in Riverdale with a pair of high-powered field

glasses which allowed me to observe all the air traffic from the George Washington Bridge up to Riverdale, a distance of about four miles. I was about one half mile from the river. The Hudson River Valley does contain a considerable amount of air traffic at night such as helicopters and light planes. However, I soon noticed that there were other vehicles in the area which did not resemble ordinary aircraft.

At about 8 p.m. on several nights I saw a number of strange lights coming out of the river at the northern end of Manhattan Island. The Harlem River flows into the Hudson at this point and it is called Spuyten Duyvil, a Dutch name which means "Spouting Devils." Perhaps the early Dutch colonists had a good reason for naming this area after spouting devils. The lights that I saw were very dim and they moved slowly out of the river to a height of about 300 feet. When they leveled off in altitude they exploded into very bright lights similar to flares going off for a few seconds. The next thing I noticed, to my astonishment, was the classic UFO shape: a round vehicle of about 30 feet in diameter with a bright aircraft-type strobe light rotating around a spinning rim. There was a dim red light on the dome of the UFO.

There were about a dozen UFOs involved in this sighting and in other sightings I had in the next several months. As one vehicle emerged from the Hudson, it would move to the side to allow another ship to reach the proper altitude. I believe that the flaring effect was caused by the nuclear reactors going into full operation. Nuclear reactors also give off light when they are running at full capacity. At any rate, after all the UFOs left the water, they started their "warming up" exercises by speeding up and down the Hudson from the George Washington Bridge up to Riverdale. At times they showed bursts of speed in

excess of 500 m.p.h. and they would actually land on the top of tall apartment buildings, which are located right on the river, for a few seconds before taking off again!

These high jinks would go on for about an hour and then the entire group would head south on the Hudson and disappear from my line of sight. I noticed when I looked up at the sky during these exercises that there would usually be one or two "stars" hovering overhead. When I looked at them with field glasses, they appeared to be spinning and changing colors from red to green to blue to white. The entire show reminded me of helicopter tactics used in Vietnam where the helicopter commander stayed at high altitudes in order to coordinate the tactics of the other ships below him.

Sometimes, I would see cigar-shaped UFOs in the area. They were about a hundred feet long with a row of red lights blinking on their sides. However, these were seen very rarely.

I have spoken to people living in Riverdale about these sightings, but most ignore them. Some residents on the river side told me that they saw UFOs come right up to the windows of their apartment at night! Several teenagers told of landings in the parks of Riverdale during the daylight hours. Though their stories seemed a little fantastic, the reports appeared to be of the same type of sightings that were reported by *The Village Voice*. At times during my observation of the UFOs I called the local police precinct and asked if anybody called to report these sightings. The police told me no reports were made, but they could have been suppressing the information.

I have considered taking photographs of the UFOs during these sightings, but against it for several reasons. First, night photographs of UFOs generally do not come out clearly enough in order to prove

they are UFOs. I could possibly get close up photographs of them emerging at Spuyten Duyvil, but I kept thinking of why the Dutch called this area "Spouting Devils." In *Flying Saucers: Serious Business*, Frank Edwards warned people not to go near UFOs because of the danger of burns and other injuries. There have been so many reports of people being hurt and kidnapped in recent years that I have decided I do not want to become another statistic.

The danger of getting too close to UFOs can be demonstrated in an article entitled "Fish Go Crazy in Hudson" which appeared in the June 18, 1976 edition of *The Moshulu Parkway Press*, a local Bronx publication. Thousands of dead and dying menhaden, a small salt water fish, suddenly appeared on the shores of Spuyten Duyvil. The New York State Environmental Protection Agency investigated this incident and reported that the fish "...were driven crazy by a rapid increase in water temperature, resulting from the present heat wave..."

It is very difficult to believe that a natural increase in the water temperature would force these fish to jump out of the water and kill themselves on the shore. In the past there have been media reports of the death of large numbers of menhaden when these fish were exposed to the thermal pollution of nuclear power plants. According to an article entitled "State Suing Utility to Pay Damages to Fish Kill" in the June 24, 1973 edition of *The New York Times*, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection stated that thermal pollution from a large nuclear power plant in Oyster Creek, Ocean County was responsible for the deaths of more than 500,000 menhaden. Although it was not stated in the article, river water used to cool nuclear reactors becomes "slightly" radioactive and this radioactivity along with the thermal heat

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could have contributed to the death of these fish. Since there is no nuclear power plant in or near Spuyten Duyvil, it makes sense that the menhaden could have been killed by the heat and radiation from the UFOs as they entered and left the river. It appears that the area of the "Spouting Devils" was well named and it could very well be an underwater base for these mysterious vehicles. If you investigate UFOs, make sure to check on any unusual fish kills in the area.

At any rate, I noticed that normal air traffic over the Hudson continued without disruption as the UFOs pranced about. It seems to me that the pilots of these aircraft were trying to ignore them. I thought that these same pilots should be making reports to the local airports. When I turned to the aircraft band on my radio I heard the large airliners, which were in holding patterns over the city, complaining about UFOs! I could see these aircraft in the holding patterns while they waited for clearance to land. Apparently there were other UFOs over New York besides the ones I was observing on the Hudson.

One pilot complained to the air traffic controller at John F. Kennedy that an unknown aircraft was following his plane on his wing. He explained that he was trying to contact this "unknown aircraft" in order to warn him away without success. The controller responded to this complaint by telling the pilot he had the aircraft and the UFO on radar and he would try to contact this strange craft. The word "UFO" was never used during these conversations. When there was no reply to the request for identification, the controller started to threaten the pilot of the "unknown aircraft" that he could be prosecuted for flying into a holding pattern without permission.

I heard these threats several times. Sometimes the UFO leaves

**It was no joke,
dispatchers from
city agencies,
including the
fire department,
sent alert calls
out to their
various units to
investigate the
strange "thing" in
the skies over
New York City**

the area without causing any trouble; other times I have heard pilots of jet airliners screaming that the "unknown aircraft" are flying around their ships and threatening to crash into them. I once heard a pilot, who was in a state of panic, scream that a "large flying boxcar" was flying right at him at tremendous speed. Usually no damage is reported to these airliners in such cases except for the nerves of the pilots and controllers.

Another example of UFOs interfering with aircraft happens when the air controller calls an airliner which is supposed to be in a

holding pattern over the city and asks the pilot why he is leaving the pattern without permission. The pilot replies that he is following the tail lights of the plane in front of him and he was not aware he was leaving the designated flight path. Planes that are in holding patterns at night observe the tail lights of the aircraft in front of them to get the proper distance and direction.

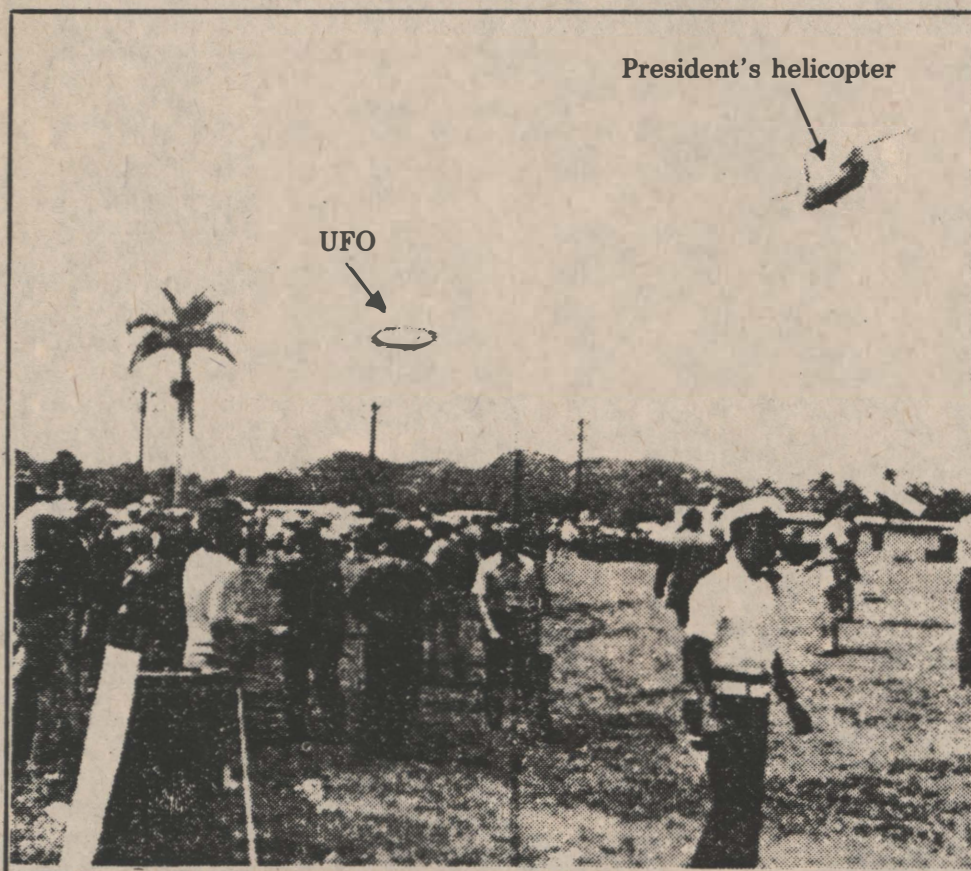
For unknown reasons the UFOs, which can imitate the lights of commercial aircraft, jump into these holding patterns and mislead the planes that are behind them. If the planes break the holding pattern, passengers could be delayed for hours. Of course, the passengers are never told the truth about such long delays.

Some people might think that the unknown aircraft might be piloted by some drunk or doped-up flyer out for a good time instead of a real UFO. Pilots, however, wouldn't pull such stunts because of the jail sentences and heavy fines that could be imposed if they were caught.

For years there have been reports of UFOs seen over and around major airports all over the world. There have also been documented cases of UFOs interfering with aircraft landing and taking off. If you live near a large airport, it is possible to hear these UFO incidents on the air bands. It is sad that the U.S. Government and other governments have placed restraints on the pilots and air controllers from reporting all of these incidents to the press.

From my own experiences in following the UFO situation in New York City, I have discovered that UFOs are much more numerous than the media would like us to believe. I have no doubt that there are thousands of these vehicles flying all over the world. If you follow some of the suggestions I have mentioned in this article, you could be on your way to becoming a UFOlogist. □

UFOs BREACH PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY!



The Federal Government may be taking a long, hard look at UFOs and this time may go all out to learn what they are, predicted a well known ufologist after a professional photographer took some photos last June of President Carter as he was readying to leave Fort Clayton, Panama. Finishing her roll of film, Linda Arosemena took one last picture of Carter's helicopter as it took off. When the film was developed it shocked everyone by showing a flying saucer hovering over the dispersing crowd and close behind the President's helicopter. Stranger yet, it hadn't shown up on radar installed to provide full security for the President!

Miss Arosemena took the mysterious photo on June 17, around 1:20 p.m. She is employed by the Defense Mapping Agency Inter-American Geodetic Survey as Visual Information Officer at Fort Clayton, and her co-workers describe her as "very reliable, an expert photographer."

Miss Arosemena described the photo as follows:

"I took what I thought were routine pictures of the President's departure. When the film was developed, the UFO was clearly visible and was hovering near the President's departing helicopter. When the photo was enlarged, there was no doubt that a UFO was unexpectedly caught by the

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"I took what I thought were routine pictures of the President's departure, but when the film was developed the UFO was clearly visible and was hovering near the President's helicopter"

The time-dilation effects provide us with
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any violations of present scientific theories



AN ANSWER TO:
**ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS,
TIME, AND
SPACE TRAVEL**

When we talk and write of Ancient Astronauts or UFOs, no matter how plausible the theory, most scientists smile politely. A few of them get unnecessarily angry. They can't believe in either. They have that mighty weapon; that unconquerable, irrefutable mathematical proof: The Speed of Light (which is calculated at 186,000 miles per second).

Trouble is, they're right. As much as we'd like to formulate some kind of bypass to the speed of light, no matter how logical it sounds, there is no proof.

No physical object can travel faster than the speed of light. At 186,000 miles per second, mass becomes infinite. It ceases to be relative to our universe.

Until there is proof for an alternate theory, or a modification of the present one, we must content ourselves with speeds lower than that of light. The nearest star, Proxima Centauri, is 4.3 light years away (a light year is the distance light travels in a year; approximately *five trillion*, eight hundred and eighty billion miles). Using Earth as a starting and ending point, if intelligent Centaurians were to make the trip to Earth in a spaceship capable of a 1-G constant boost, it would take them 15 years. Even if they had some form of inertialess acceleration, it would still take slightly more than 4.3 years to reach Earth traveling at near the speed of light.

Since most stars are incredibly more distant than Proxima Centauri, it is easy to see why scientists smile. Our basic concept must be wrong; there can be no galaxy-wide civilizations traveling from star to star, visiting planets with intelligent life or performing genetic experiments on those worlds with no dominate intelligence.

There is, however, a way for technologically advanced super-civilizations to exist on such a level that our earthbound lifespans would be akin to that of a fly without violating the speed of light.

Before we get into that, we

must define some terms. Matter, for instance, is that which is made up of atoms and sub-atomic particles. We are quite familiar with matter, because we are made of it ourselves.

Energy is one of those mad-dog almost definable terms. Energy comes from matter being broken down into its component parts. Matter turns into energy. Energy can be turned into matter.

It is reasonable to say that matter and energy are different aspects of the same thing.

It is also reasonable to say that space and time are different aspects of the same thing.

We can assume from this that matter and energy exist within the framework of space and time.

Energy balances matter. You can't get more energy than you have matter. Total annihilation of matter will give you all the energy contained within that particle of matter, but no more.

Similarly, time balances space. It takes a certain amount of time to travel a given distance. It would take no time to travel no distance, therefore it would take an eternity to travel an infinite distance.

Keeping these basic concepts in mind, let's examine what would happen if a spaceship we happened to be passengers on approached the speed of light.

The faster we travel, the less time it takes to cover a given distance. As we approach the speed of light, space traveled begins to overcome time taken. This is called the time-dilation effect, and has been calculated.

In other words, time is not constant just as speed is not.

To see how this works, let's look at a few examples (with thanks to

Arthur C. Clarke's *The Promise of Space*). If you were to board your spaceship and accelerate at a constant 1-G boost for five years on a round-trip mission (including time for acceleration and deceleration), you would have traveled a total of 1.7 light years, and would find upon returning to Earth that 6.5 years had passed. Everything and everyone would be a year-and-a-half older than you. If, on the other hand, your

trip lasted 15 years, you would have traveled 37 light years, and 80 years would have passed on Earth. If your trip lasted 50 years, your travels would have covered 208,000 light years, and when you got back home you would be dismayed to find that 420,000 years had passed. And if you decided to stay for sixty years, you would have traversed an incredible 2,470,000 light years, to find that 5 million years had gone by when you got home.

So, while you and your crewmates had aged only 60 years, the Earth and everything on it had gone through 5 million years. It is obvious from these examples that the closer one gets to the speed of light, the slower time passes.

Thus it would indeed be possible for a highly advanced civilization to travel throughout the galaxy. But the time dilation effect raises as many questions as it solves. In order to keep in touch with their home world, the members of this civilization would have to be unusually long-lived. The longer the explorers are away and the closer they come to the speed of light, the more time will have passed on their home world. While this is possible, it is quite improbable.

Perhaps each spaceship might work on its own, forever cut off from its own kind—but such devotion to duty is beyond our capability to imagine. Not to mention the question of repeated visitations.

While arguments can be made for each of the above cases, they suffer from too many unbelievable premises.

The time-dilation effects does, however, provide us with a key to answering the UFO and ancient astronaut questions without violations of presently accepted theories.

To see how it works, let's take a hypothetical look at a typical solar system out Orion way. There, we find a star, G-type, like ours. A class-M planet orbiting at a favorable distance is inhabited with an intelligent race. They achieved technological civilization several centuries ago—and are

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thus quite advanced in relation to our civilization.

They have perfected matter-antimatter energy systems, and have traveled to several nearby stars. Moderate advancements in biogenetics have lengthened their average lifespans to about 500 Earth-relative years.

As they look around, the inhabitants of this world begin to realize that stars are somewhat unreliable. They go nova, they erupt undesirable radiation and matter. They expand, contract, burn up and go out. They collapse. They go from yellow-moderate to red-giant to white-dwarf.

A civilization that is able to project its future in terms of billions of years will find that they must keep a close watch on their primary to keep from being destroyed.

They will also realize, with their level of technology, that they do not need star to survive. A star provides light, heat and radiant energy—as well as a place for the planet to orbit. However, after a civilization reaches a certain level, they will be able to create their own heat, light and beneficial radiation—all without the dangers inherent in the nature of stars.

It might suit them to move their planet away from the star, into open space where it will not be threatened. In doing this, the supercivilization will have an unprecedented opportunity to examine the galaxy and cosmos without interference, with one limitation: They will not be able to watch the evolution of the galaxy as it expands and changes.

Unless, while they are engaged in moving their planet out of orbit (the mechanics of doing this are retical), they apply a constant boost of say, 5-gs. The planet's gravity field would protect the planet's inhabitants from feeling this boost.

We have come to realize even on earth that planets are, in fact, the ultimate in spaceships.

Within a few generations, the planet and its inhabitants will approach the speed of light. To be safe, they cut boost at 85% of the speed of light, and instead of orbiting a single star, they now orbit the entire galaxy.



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The inhabitants of this world will still have an average lifespan of 500 years, but an incredible thing would have happened if we could compare their average in relation to ours. The people of this supercivilization would then live for an untold number of years. To them the galaxy would become an evolving, ever changing organism.

They would be able to see patterns and relationships that will remain forever hidden to us because of our place in the galaxy.

And since this world is already at 85% of the speed of light, their explorers would not need to accelerate much to travel great distances within the galaxy. And more important, they would be on the same level of existence as their home world.

This would be a race capable of visiting and observing many planets. Their trouble with the time-dilation effect becomes evident when they decelerate in their approach to a solar system. It would take a great deal of time to do this. Add to that any observation time and that necessary for acceleration back to 85% of the speed of light, and well over a century might have passed. This is a significant portion of a five-hundred year lifespan. Yet, these explorers will find on returning to their own world, that only a few weeks or months have passed.

The leaders of this civilization would send out young astronauts and have them return as middle-aged explorers only a short while later.

The development of an internal gravity system providing for inertialess acceleration will greatly reduce the time needed for travel, making it possible for an explorer to visit a planet several times. Say, every thousand years our time or once a year his time.

Might it not be, then, that the observation and actual engineering of civilizations will become the major objective of these supercivilizations?

It is possible that in the meantime, the explorers of these supercivilizations will watch and observe, and when necessary, give gentle pushes in the right direction. Why haven't they made themselves known to us? There

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Suddenly, a bluish beam flashed out from a large hole under the hovering machine and the four figures floated up through the beam and into the craft.

“THEY DIDN'T LOOK HUMAN”

BY NICK G. ALCALI

“It landed in my backyard, God, I never saw anything like it.” We tried to calm the man down as he related his encounter with the unknown.

“It was bigger than a barn, and weird—real weird.” He was a little pale and quite nervous as he continued.

“A door opened on the side of the object and out stepped strange looking people—large heads, long ape-like arms—there were three or four of them, but I didn’t hang around to count them—that’s for sure, I just got the hell out of there.”

Mike Milton was describing his encounter with a UFO. Mr. Milton owns a good-size farm in Irvine, Kentucky, an area well known for its unearthly visitors.

Mr. Milton awoke about 3 a.m. to see what was bothering the live stock. As he put on his pants, a bright light filtered in through the shutters of his bedroom window. “Now, what in the world can that be?” he remembered telling himself as he headed for the front

door. As he walked out the door, he was greeted by a sight—as he put it—“almost knocked me off my feet.”

“I stood there rooted to the ground as I watched this big, sort of round, machine come down in my backyard. I ran around to the back of the house in time to see this thing land. There were several bright blue lights coming from the sides. I expected someone to come out, but when they did, they just didn’t look human...I got out of there fast...damn fast.”

This is just one of the stories I have heard from some of the residents of the area. From the way the man talked, it was obvious that he did see something that shook him up.

Another man and his 16-year old son claimed that they encountered four strange looking men in very bright clothing.

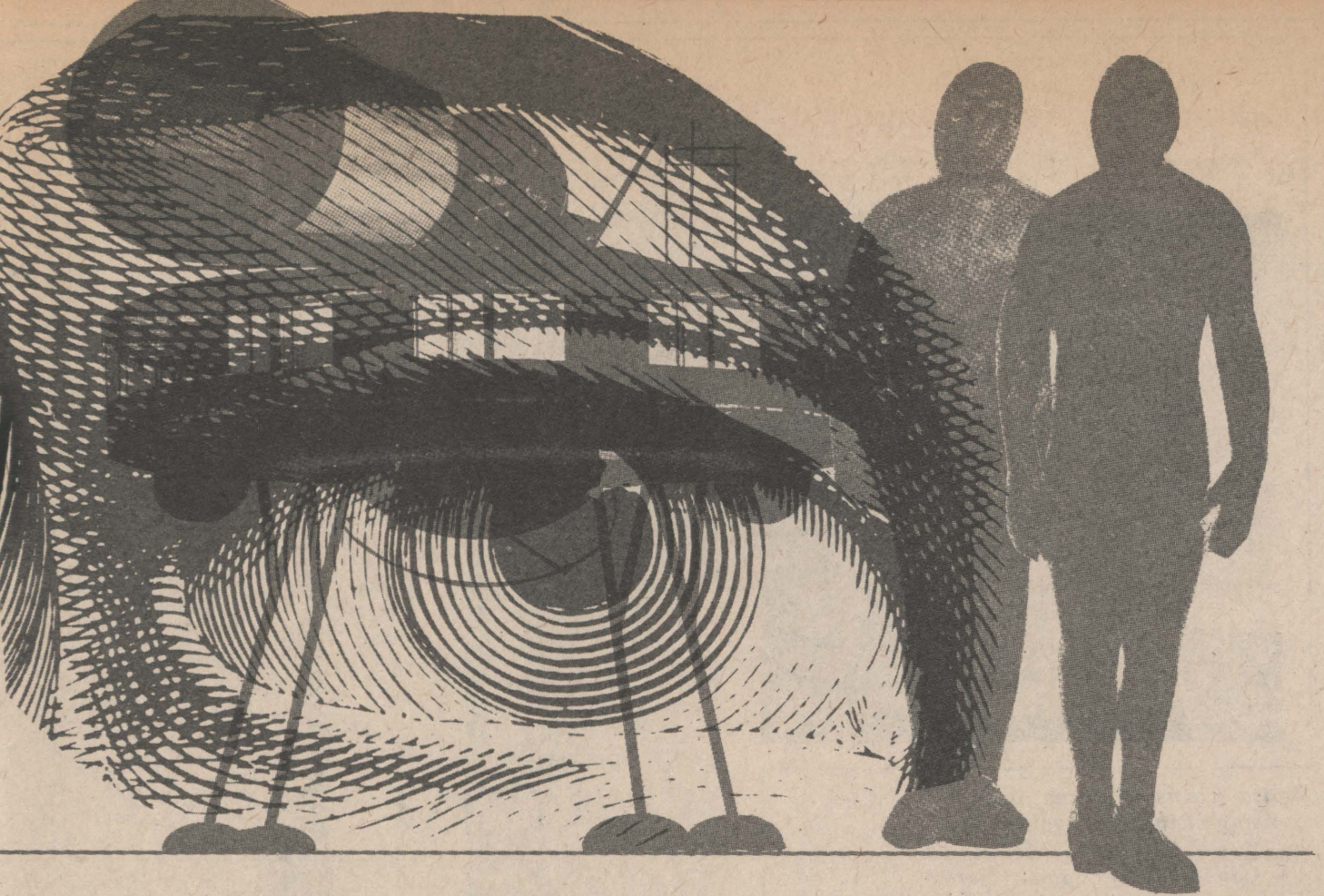
“We came around the bend in the road, and just as we made the turn the car stalled” said the father. “I tried to start the car but the battery was dead. Junior got

out of the car to open the trunk where we keep a spare battery and jump cables for such emergencies” the father said.

“That’s when I saw them,” his son remarked. “I opened the trunk and removed the spare battery, and as I did I noticed these four funny looking creeps about 75 yards off in the field across the road...they were doing something with some equipment. I called dad to come and take a look.”

“That’s right” said the father, “I then picked up a pair of field glasses—and my rifle—which I keep in my trunk and sneaked up behind the fence on the other side of the road. Looking through the glasses, I was amazed to see that although they looked like people, their bodies were out of proportion. They had large heads and their arms hung below the knees, like apes. They all wore the same metallic-type clothing with a field pack.”

The father continued, “Then out of nowhere—and very sudden



like—this machine just zoomed down and hovers about ten feet above the figures who were at this time looking at me and my son. I lowered my gun just in case...I couldn't believe what was happening...it was like something on TV, and that's the only conclusion I could reach; that some Hollywood film company was shooting a science fiction show—except there were no cameras in sight."

At this point the man's son continued, "Suddenly, a bluish beam flashed out from a large hole under the hovering machine, and the four figures floated up through the blue beam and into the craft, I thought for sure I must be seeing things."

Both men said that seconds later the UFO flashed straight up and vanished. They ran to where the aliens seemed to be doing something and found a hole about 6 inches in diameter and very deep. Getting back to the car they found that they could start it without the use of the spare battery. The father and son did

not want their names revealed because after telling their story to the police, they were asked if they were drinking at the time. It seems all persons reporting close encounters are taken for kooks, or drunks.

The great majority of sightings took place in the foothills of Estill and Madison counties. Just about every resident of this area has seen some sort of strange object in the sky. Most everyone will tell you about the sightings, and where to go if you want to see the UFOs themselves.

Several residents told me that an average of 150 persons would bring lawn chairs to a hilltop known as Panola. There they would set up their chairs and sit for hours watching the UFOs. For these people it was a nightly ritual they seemed to enjoy—for others it was a nightmare.

Another report came from a minister and his daughter who were driving on US-52 from Irvine. They were stunned to see a brightly lit object hovering over

their car. A light shot out of the object which blinded the minister for several seconds and forcing him to stop the car. The daughter started to scream and became hysterical.

When the minister was able to see again, he started the car and drove off at high speed with the thing still over the car. He drove for about 5 miles when the UFO flashed out of sight.

The man, shaking with fear, headed towards the hospital where he related his story while his daughter was treated for shock.

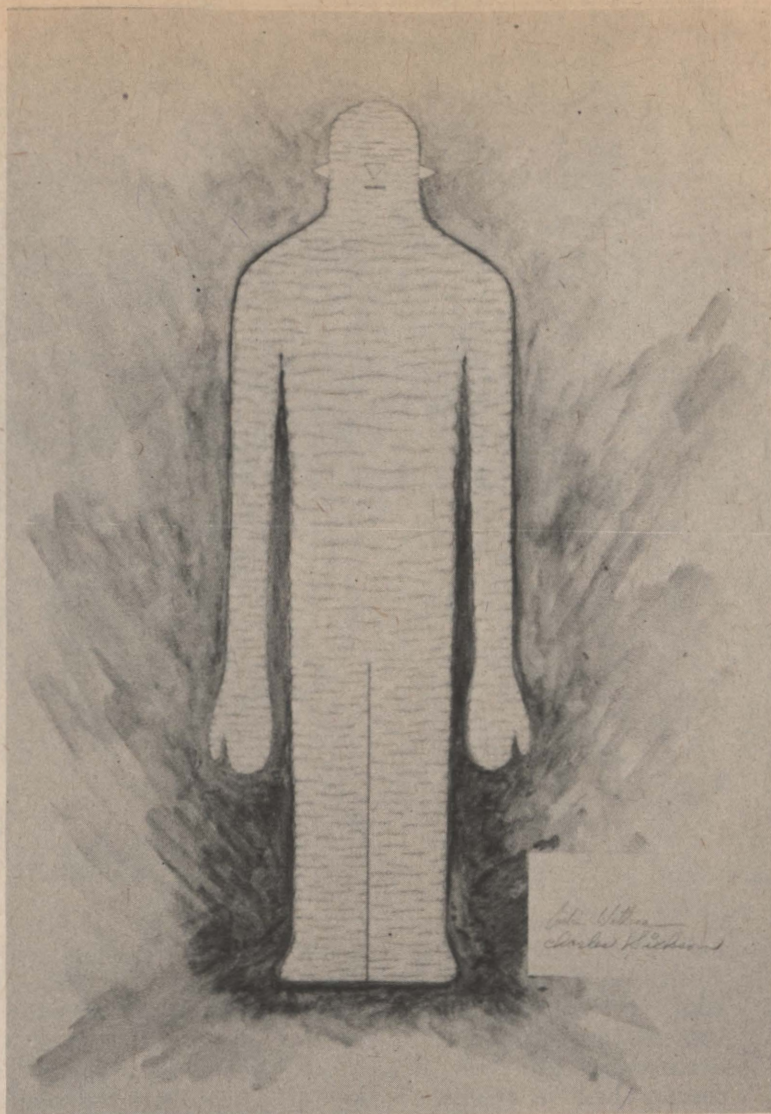
One observer, Ronald Aldridge of Route 2, said: "It's a weird acting thing, it will come across the sky and just sit there, sometimes for over an hour, its hard to believe at first—I didn't—now I do, somebody is up there, I don't know if its observing us or what."

After interviewing a dozen persons, they seem to agree to what they saw. The thing is described as saucer shaped, about 175 to 200 feet in diameter, and depending

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Artist Curtis Watkins with his drawing of the Pascagoula space creature which was encountered by Calvin Parker and Charles Hickson. Both men claim to have been taken aboard a UFO.



Curtis Watkins, famous hypnotic artist who paints while in a trance, plans to draw pictures of UFOs and their occupants as described by contactees.

Hypnotic Art May Prove THE REALITY OF UFOs

BY LARRY DICKSON



Charles Hickson and Curtis Watkins. They plan on doing an illustrated book dealing with the unearthly experience that took place at Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Curtis Watkins, the famous hypnotic artist who had drawn incredible paintings under hypnosis, has finally signed a contract to illustrate a book about Calvin Parker and Charles Hickson, the two Pascagoula, Mississippi men who claimed they were kidnapped by aliens in a UFO in 1973. Mr. Watkin's incredible abilities were described in an article entitled "The Hypnotic Art of Curtis Watkins" which appeared in the December 1977 edition of *Beyond Reality*.

The plan is to place Parker and Hickson under hypnosis and Watkins will draw pictures of the aliens and their vehicle as it is described by these two men. This experiment is very important because there have been attempts to

discredit Parker and Hickson by the military and certain segments of the scientific establishment. Accurate drawings made under hypnosis will help to show that they are not lying about this close encounter incident.

The two men's encounter with the aliens occurred just before nightfall on October 11, 1973. "It was dusk-dark, there was still just enough light to see," Hickson recounted. "We were sitting on the pier fishing when we heard a hissing sound behind us. We turned around and there was the ship about 10 feet behind us. It must have come straight down. It didn't land, it just hovered a few feet above the ground."

Hickson said the craft's hull had a metallic coloration, and two

bright blue lights were shining in the front of the craft which seemed to rotate.

As the ship hovered, Hickson said a hatch of some sort opened and three creatures floated out toward them. "We couldn't move, just wasn't possible," he said. "We were scared to death!"

He described the creatures as being about five feet tall, with grayish wrinkled skin and claw-like hands. "I'm pretty sure now that they were robots," Hickson said. "They didn't seem to be breathing. I got the impression, a weird feeling that they were being controlled by someone. They just seemed to be doing their job, what they were ordered to do."

The three creatures, robots or
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SPACE GODS OF THE AMAZON

The hidden caves deep in the jungles of South America may hold the answers to the mysteries of ancient extraterrestrial visitations

BY TOM R. KOVACH

South America, especially its dense jungles, abound in strange and preplexing mysteries. The continent has in the past few decades produced a great deal of very credible UFO sightings, including contacts with unearthly aliens. We have evidence of advanced civilizations of the past through the ruins of prehistoric cities like Machu Picchu, Tiahuanaco, and the famous Nazca lines in South America.

The mysteries in South America could go on and on. Most of these enigmas have been pretty well covered in magazines and books. I will not go into their details but merely mention them as a sort of over-all reference on the matter. The point is, despite the many mysteries still surrounding the ancient cities of South America and the artifacts found, the conjecture of "space gods" in that part of the world is overwhelming.

It also seems quite possible that an advanced civilization (call them space gods, if you will) is still present in the jungles of the Amazon. The conditions in that part of the world are ideal for people of an advanced technology who want to remain unknown to the rest of the world.

The jungles of the Amazon are vast and foliage is very thick making it almost impossible to detect some structures from the air. The steamy rain forests are also very thinly populated (by Indians, mostly) and are very hostile. Except for a few expeditions into the interior, most men shy away from these disease-ridden jungles which are well populated with insects and poisonous snakes.

Besides this natural barrier, there is one more factor that may hide these mysterious people from the outside world. These are the

subterranean caves found in the area. It is not known how many of these underground tunnels are natural or man-made.

The fact is that through numerous reports through the years, we know that they do exist. Most of the entrances are very well concealed but once in a while someone does stumble across them.

An article published in *Search Magazine*, March 1960, tells of a man who claims he found these mysterious underground caves. The man, whose name was withheld from the article, claimed to be of Incan descent. According to his story he spent thousands of dollars searching for the caves in many parts of South America. Finally, in the Matto Grosso region of Brazil he said he found what he was looking for.

He apparently heard a powerful voice coming from the very top of a high mountain. After a long climb he reached the top and found a hole in the ground.

Getting some supplies he returned and went in to explore the cave. At the bottom of a shaft he followed a long tunnel which led to a large stone door. The door suddenly opened and he was confronted by a tall, husky man in a metallic outfit. When the explorer told him that he was of Incan descent, the strange individual informed him that he was an Atlantean-Incan.

According to the Incan explorer he was required to undergo several tests before being admitted any further. These tests included standing before a transparent screen and exchanging blood with one of the inhabitants of the tunnels. He was also placed into a decompression chamber and subjected to some sort of purification procedure. The man

went on to tell of devices allowing the strange underground race to monitor events on the surface and of living off strange little white pills which had the taste of many fruits.

Admittedly, the story does seem rather far-fetched. It is also the word of one man. None-the-less, similar stories occasionally surface from the steamy jungles of the Amazon, and who can say they are not true until more evidence is obtained. There are many explorers searching for these lost tunnels. Some are fanatics, others are searching for supposedly riches, others are quite sane people interested in the mysteries of lost civilizations, ancient astronauts, and UFOs.

One of the most famous individuals searching for this lost civilization of the Amazon was the British explorer Colonel P.H. Fawcett. Col. Fawcett, his son Jack, and a young friend of Jack's named Raleigh Rimell, disappeared in the Matto Grosso region of Brazil while on an expedition in 1925. They were never seen again, but rumors as to their whereabouts are many.

Colonel Fawcett was a no-nonsense man who spent many years of his life exploring the jungles of South America. He believed that the lost civilization of South America may have been the remains of the highly advanced people of Atlantis. He felt that many of the stories he heard of lost civilizations and lost cities came from reliable sources. Most came from Indians living in the area, some from trappers and other men exploring the rugged backwooded regions, and some information he got through old documents and manuscripts.

Fawcett even went so far as to say he actually saw a small portion

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of the ruins. He was also fascinated by tales the indians told of strange lights that never went out. Some of these were located in the lost cities, others in strange towers. He concluded that perhaps this lost civilization had managed to develop a light that did not require energy. In fact, one of the Indians told the explorer that one light was so bright, you could not look directly at it. We must realize that in the time of Colonel Fawcett's explorations, the terms UFO and flying saucer had not come into existence. Had all this taken place some 40 years later, the Colonel may have attributed some of these strange lights to UFOs.

Another thing that led Col. Fawcett to believe in a lost civilization that still lived in the jungles was the constant reports of a tribe of "white indians" living somewhere in the Amazon, perhaps by the lost cities. They reportedly had long black hair and white skins. Some even said they had weapons similar to guns. The other indian tribes apparently feared them. He was also told of a strange tribe of Amazon women who lived in this region.

We will never know if Fawcett ever found his lost cities or his lost civilizations, unless more evidence turns up as to his disappearance. Expeditions were sent out to search for him but no concrete information on his fate was ever found.

Some reports from the region say that Colonel Fawcett did indeed find the lost civilization and that he and his son Jack are living in a cavern city beneath the mountains. And, despite being treated well, the story goes, they are not allowed to return to the surface for fear that they will expose its secret to the rest of the world. If this story is true, it certainly must have been very miserable for Col. Fawcett to have discovered one of the greatest secrets of our time and not be able to share it with anyone. But,

then, he might be happy living with these people.

These underground labyrinths do exist beneath the South American jungles. But, if they are not natural—who built them? Did the builders of the great ancient cities such as Tiahuanaco also build the underground tunnels? There is a legend in Brazil that the tunnels were built by survivors of the lost continent of Atlantis. We certainly cannot rule out the possibility that visitors from outer space built them. In fact, in view of the many UFO reports coming from South America, it is just possible that the ancient cities are still inhabited or being visited by astronauts from other planets.

The reason as to why they were built poses another enigmatic question. A very logical one would be that they were constructed as shelters to be saved from savages and the hostile heat of the jungle. Some have even speculated that they were built as bomb shelters because of an ancient nuclear war. That may not be as far out a theory as it first seems. The Indian Sanskrit text, the Mahabharata, tells of several great fiery explosions and other items that we now interpret as being an ancient atomic war. The Russian author Gorbovsky tells of a skeleton found in India that contained a radio level 50 times above the normal dosage. In his book *Chariots of the Gods?* Von Daniken cites examples of rocks that have been fused together under intense heat and seem to indicate nuclear explosions.

So it is conceivable to believe that an ancient nuclear war could possibly account for the demise of the continent of Atlantis. That is to say that perhaps Atlantis was at one time part of South America. This was also a theory entertained by Colonel Fawcett.

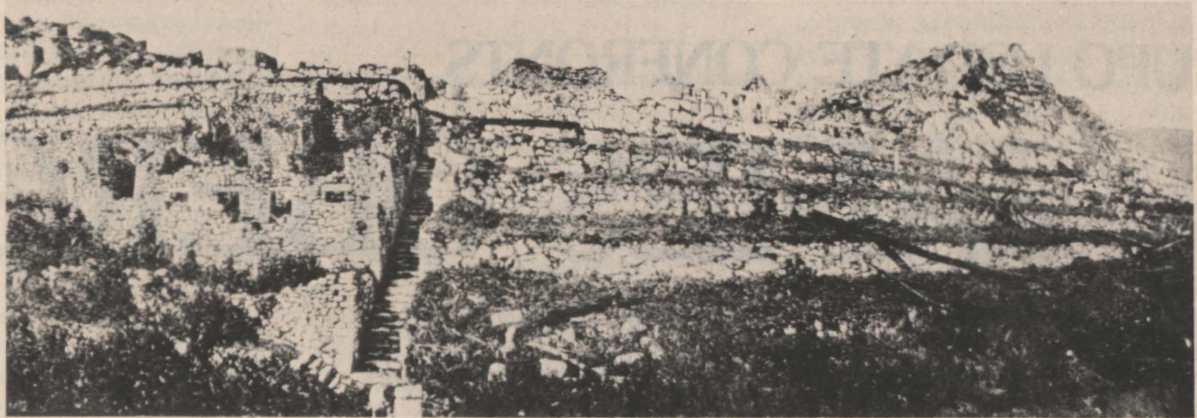
The amount of gold found by the Spaniards in South America was very puzzling. There was too much gold and not enough mines. Where did it all come from? Is it

possible that some of these underground caverns, covering hundreds of miles, contain enormous gold deposits? Perhaps there are gold mines underneath the vast jungles that would boggle our minds. They could even be the lost mines of Solomon or the fabled gold city, Ophir, mentioned in the bible. Maybe these mines made Atlantis the great and powerful nation it was. Going even further one could speculate that the ancient spacemen could have discovered these mines, and used indian labor to mine them. In turn, they helped bring advanced technology to the indians, such as the Incas. They also let the indians retain some of the gold. And perhaps even now, the UFOs sighted over South America are simply extraterrestrials coming back to their gold!

Until we get more facts we can only speculate, but one thing is certain: South America was exposed to an advanced civilization either from this planet or from another, and the presence of that advanced culture could still be there. A possible explanation is that astronauts from a highly developed planet visited earth in the distant past.

There are certain discoveries in South America that we cannot just discount by attributing it to an advanced nation such as the Incas or the Mayans. Even the advanced ancient astronomers of Babylon did not know of the existence of the planet Jupiter, yet according to a report by a Lieutenant Smith in 1836, an indian tribe in northern Peru had a name for every planet including Jupiter. And the Dogon tribe even knew of the double-star system in Sirius, the Dog Star.

There are the skulls found in South America that indicate that the Incans were able to perform brain surgery. Some of the skulls show more than one opening which gives evidence that the patient survived at least one operation and then was admitted



for another. Strange stones have been found with carvings indicating advanced operations by skilled surgeons.

What is going on or has gone on in the dense jungles of the Amazon? In this remote and hostile area may lie one of the keys to the mysteries of mankind. Are the so-called "Gods" of the Amazon the survivors of the lost continent of Atlantis? Or are they a settlement of advanced beings from a distant planet, still living in their underground homes, rich with gold and advanced scientific apparatus?

We will find these answers in further search and exploration of the area. It would be very interesting to establish a well-organized scientific expedition into some of these areas. What we'd find would probably be beyond our wildest imaginations. Or, maybe, the secrets are so well-guarded that our search and discovery of them are almost impossible. After all, they survived centuries without detection. Time will tell. □



These ancient ruins still pose a challenge to many. No doubt a great civilization existed countless centuries ago. Were the builders of these great cities the survivors of the lost world of Atlantis or were the cities built as settlements for advanced beings from another planet?

UFO UPDATE visited Mr. Oberg for an in-depth interview. Mr. Oberg has created quite a controversy among persons who are serious about the UFO mystery. We think the interview will be of interest to you.

James Oberg with Air Force Captain David Williams from Andrews Air Force Base, at their mission control board.



UFO UPDATE CONFRONTS

JAMES OBERG

BY HARRY BELIL
Editor/Publisher

At a recent UFO conference this reporter had the opportunity to interview one of the most controversial UFO figures of the decade, James Oberg. He was attending the conference on press credentials from a New York based science magazine, which only increased the suspicions of many UFO specialists who know that, in fact, he is an officer in the United States Air Force, stationed at the NASA space center in Houston, Texas. Over the past several years he has written several articles attacking ufologists and has dismissed as nonsense many respected researchers' claims of secret UFO information in the hands of the government. What really is his role in the UFO world? Whose orders is he following? How reliable is his research? These and other burning questions were in my mind when I met him in his motel room late at night following the close of a special seminar.

At first glance there is nothing sinister about the man. In his

early 30s, Oberg is distinguished by his exceptional height (6'8"), tousled brown hair and bushy moustache. He normally sports a pair of aviator-type eyeglasses which he occasionally removes to wave and underscore a point. As a mark of years spent in the American Southwest, he wore a Zuni inlay turquoise bolo tie and a large Cerrillos turquoise belt buckle. His feet, propped comfortably on the TV table, were in worn cowboy boots with apparently authentic stirrup scratches across the insteps.

On the bed was an open briefcase, the thickest case I've ever seen, stocked with copies of space magazines. Also in the cavernous case were a cassette tape recorder, several books and a stack of NASA space photographs. The tape recorder was running, and the interview began. UFO: Let's clear the air, Jim. Are you an Air Force spy?

OBERG: (laughing) I've heard that often before. Would you

believe any answer I gave you?

UFO: Many people have come to the conclusion that your actions are intended to discredit serious researchers and cover up government programs which deal with UFOs. Can you disprove that?

OBERG: Many so-called UFO experts don't need my help in discrediting themselves. As for secret government activities to confuse and misdirect the UFO movement, again, my own observations are that it doesn't need any outside interference to introduce confusion and aimlessness.

UFO: Outside of sounding clever, do you intend to answer these charges?

OBERG: Charges? All I've heard is paranoid gossip and half-baked fantasies. I wasn't aware I was before some kangaroo court of UFOdom.

UFO: Well, if your credibility is low with UFO specialists, then your interest must be in misinforming the public, through articles in many of those magazines



Above, this photo was taken at the National Space Club's "Goddard Symposium" in Washington D.C. Left to right, astronomer-sentator Harrison Schmitt, James Oberg, NASA director James Fletcher, Cornell University astronomer and UFO critic, Carl Sagan.

Take a good look. Yes that's Captain James Oberg. Photo was taken at the Johnson Space Center in 1976.



you have there.

OBERG: Let's stick to the facts and see where the misinformation is coming from, why don't we? Do you want a statement?

UFO: Can you add anything to what is already believed about you?

OBERG: Yes, for the record, all these suggestions about my acting on some secret orders or directions are totally false. All my UFO activities, publications lectures and investigations are based purely on my own longstanding personal interest in UFOs.

UFO: And wouldn't a U.S. Air Force agent say exactly that?

OBERG: (sighing) Yes, I guess he probably would. But for more than a year now I've had a public challenge issued to anyone who thinks I'm lying, to set up any standard test of veracity and let me take it. I mean a polygraph, a voice stress analyzer, maybe hypnotic regression, anything. I've challenged the rumor mongers to put up or shut up, and nobody, not

a single person, has been willing to confront the truth of what I claim. They just whisper behind my back.

UFO: Nobody wants to give you an examination?

OBERG: I haven't heard from anyone. Of course, they will pay for the test but I have promised to completely reimburse them if I fail. So if the vicious slanders they are spreading were true, they would have nothing to risk.

UFO: You'll take any test?

OBERG: Be resonable, I won't walk barefoot on coals or touch a red-hot sword to my tongue. But there are generally accepted tests for veracity.

UFO: Why do you suppose you've encountered so much hostility?

OBERG: Speaking very broadly, although there are notable exceptions, the UFO movement seems to me to be a self-imposed intellectual ghetto from which outsiders are barred. Anyone with special expertise, such as my familiarity with space and astro-

nomy, is suspect, especially if those people take issues with some of the dogmas and patron saints and orthodox miracles of the UFO religion. So my research results can be explained away with personal attacks. There are a lot of sacred cows and I've found that on close inspection a sacred cow usually is mostly bull (laughs.)

UFO: That is not a very flattering picture. It seems to me that this hostility may be mutual.

OBERG: I've said that there are exceptions, and there is where the hope of progress lies. And yes, I do not paint a very pretty picture of the strange world of UFOria. But I do not want to get into a spitting contest with the crackpots. Let's discuss substantive issues.

UFO: Not quite yet, please, because *you* are a substantive issue, as you call it. Tell me about your alleged personal interest in UFOs.

OBERG: From the mid-1950s, when I was about ten or twelve,

years old, I've been reading UFO books. During one year I tried to decode that Venusian message that Adamski was given. I also was a great fan of Velikovsky and his crashing planets, but I also read other books on science and on logic, rules of evidence, and the phenomenon of fads and fallacies.

UFO: So you became an avowed skeptic?

OBERG: Not at all, and I resent any implication about knee-jerking debunking and rejection of non-standard theories. In fact, I have a few non-standard theories I think might turn out to have something to them: Lock Ness monster, Viking settlements in America, dowsing, and other areas of classic "pseudo-sciences" which I have no intention of closing my eyes and mind against.

UFO: As you have against unidentified flying objects?

OBERG: Dammit, have you already decided how to slant this interview? Why bother to talk with me if you are going to say what you want anyway!

UFO: No, I'm just trying to feel you out on your gut reaction.

OBERG: Fair game. Go on.

UFO: In a nutshell, what is your evaluation of the UFO phenomenon?

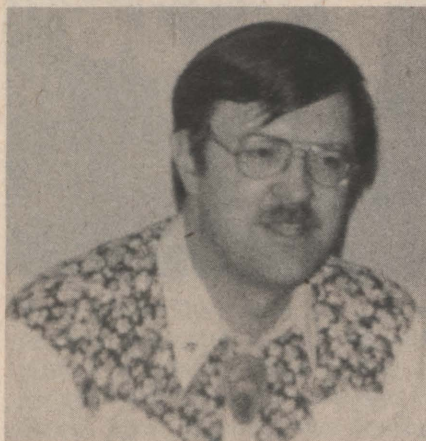
OBERG: That was a Freudian slip if there ever was one!

UFO: What? Oh, nut shell... You know what I mean.

OBERG: (laughing) All right. All I can do is evaluate and calibrate the UFO literature, which is supposed to comprise a body of evidence proving that something very odd and very extraordinary is going on. I don't see how all these stories prove anything of the sort.

UFO: Don't you believe the stories?

OBERG: Here is what I've found with my admittedly restricted research into a few of the major cases. The stories as written up in the general UFO media never happened, but instead were born



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from embellishment, exaggeration, misquotation, omission of non-fitting facts, and a sprinkling of good fabrications and phony baloney. What I've learned is that the accepted body of evidence has very little in common with what actually happened in these cases. And what actually happened generally is not persuasive regarding some alien force or activity.

UFO: Don't you believe that a few percent of UFO cases are unexplained?

OBERG: Sure I do, but so what? A few percent of crimes are unsolved, a few percent of missing people are never found, a few percent of aircraft accidents are never explained, a few percent of eggs arrive at the supermarket broken... But you don't need to conjure up some alien muggers, some alien kidnappers, some alien saboteurs, some alien egg crackers. You just accept limitations on human perception and memory. It does not mean that all of the cases could not have had some rational explanations that we just cannot find.

UFO: You are just exploiting the large preponderance of IFOs, identified flying objects, over UFOs, those which remain unidentified even after extensive efforts to solve them. UFO experts can distinguish between the two types.

OBERG: So they say! But actual cases show they are wrong.

UFO: Get specific.

OBERG: Glad to. And my specifics is what has aroused this wave of resentment against me. I've revealed too many naked emperors.

UFO: Says who? So you say.

OBERG: Nice try, but you're off base. Let's look at a few cases I've already written up: all those "astronaut UFO sightings" the big 1908 Tunguska Siberia explosion, which UFO cultists believe was an alien spaceship; and a recent big case from Russia called the "jellyfish UFO". In all these cases, my results have been published and have been endorsed

by leading UFO experts, but the UFO media continues to use the "UFO version" of the stories long after they've been discredited. That proves to me that you just cannot trust anything you read.

UFO: All these publications suggest that you have been successful at "infiltrating" the UFO news media yourself. Isn't the editor of *Space World* really the old flying saucer man Ray Palmer?

OBERG: All free-lance articles are in magazines because they are bought by the editors. The only thing that has "infiltrated" the UFO magazines is a refreshingly fresh breeze of truthfulness. And yes, Ray Palmer did publish *Space World* but he died late in 1977. We met just once, but had a long productive relationship on *Space World*. I think that my years of publishing free-lance articles have pretty well established my credentials as a legitimate science writer, don't you think?

UFO: Couldn't these hundred articles you list have been ghost written to establish a usable "Trojan horse"?

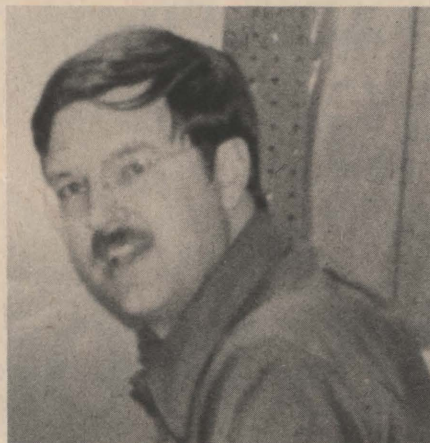
OBERG: (laughing) Well, if they were ghost written, I should have fired the guy for some of the early ones. Boy, they were bad! But I kept on writing, kept on subsidizing the postal service with my stamps, and eventually hit it off with a number of magazines.

UFO: And what have you been up to lately?

OBERG: I've been working on some excellent assignments from two new encyclopedias, and I am writing part of a book to be published this fall on building spaceship models for hobbyists. Also in the works is a book on myths of space.

UFO: And what is your regular line of work, I mean from 9 to 5?

OBERG: I'm a computer specialist at Mission Control, Houston, and we are preparing the documentation and backup procedures we'll be using if anything goes wrong on the Space Shuttle flights in the



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second half of 1979.

UFO: Anything else?

OBERG: I guess the biggest thing is this new science and science fiction magazine aimed at the mass market, coming out this fall from Bob Guccione of *Penthouse*. He wanted to call the magazine *NOVA* but he got sued by the TV show so he's calling it OMNI. I'll be the UFO Editor and I'll have a monthly column which could reach millions of readers.

UFO: UFO devotees are not going to like it.

OBERG: I disagree. I'll be encouraging scientific standards where they are found, and exposing carelessness and deception where they are found. Who can object to that, in all honesty?

UFO: Many so-called hoaxes and distortions are only a matter of interpretation, and you could slant it your own way.

OBERG: If I get the reputation of a biased writer, I'll be no good to the magazine, so I really intend to try to be fair. Some of my skeptical friends on the UFO Subcommittee are worried I may bend too far to the other direction to appear to be fairminded!

UFO: You already have the reputation of a biased writer.

OBERG: Only among UFO crackpots. OMNI will be addressed to the general public and to serious UFO researchers as well. I'm also *persona non grata* to religious crackpots, left wing crackpots, and right wing crackpots, as well as catastrophist crackpots and ancient astronaut crackpots. But my research is respected and encouraged by rational advocates of all these points of view. Unfortunately, the rational ones are not good press and don't appear too often in print.

UFO: Who are you calling "crackpots"?

OBERG: Let me emphasize that merely believing in any of these theories doesn't necessarily make someone a crackpot. It's when the state of mind rejects evidence, rejects rationality, and descends

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"Then the bottom of the darn thing opened up and there was the brightest light I have ever seen, we just picked ourselves up and high-tailed it out of there real fast"

THEY BOTH AGREED: IT WAS OUT OF THIS WORLD

BY ZACHARY HARRIS

They were just sitting there shooting the breeze as they have been doing for years. Both men were in their forties, and like most of the town folks, they spent their leisure time sitting on the front porch with a cool drink.

It was about 10:15 p.m. when one of the two men noticed a flashing light in the sky. At first, neither thought it was worth a second glance...probably a plane or a 'copter, they thought.

As they continued in their idle conversation a second light flashed into view, hovered there with the first light and then both objects flashed down and hovered above the treetops no more than 50 yards from them. They were round and very large with two flashing lights each.

"I just didn't know what to make of it", said one of the men. "We just sat there petrified", said the other.

"Then the bottom of the darn thing opened up and there was the brightest light I have ever seen, we just picked ourselves up and high-tailed it out of there as fast as we could." They both agreed that it was "out of this world."

Some skeptics will argue that it

could've been the many beers that the men had, although they swore they had only "a few." But what about the other reports which were coming in by the dozens; from a parson, two policemen, several business men, a former Air Force technician, and scores of others—what about their reports?

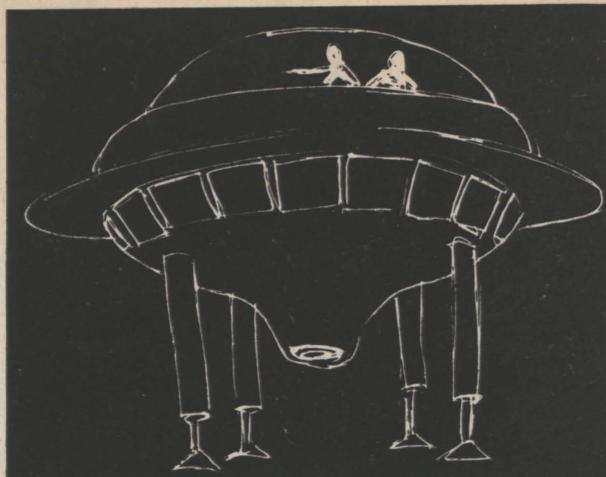
The people of Island Lake saw something, that's for sure—there are too many reliable witnesses to the sightings which have left their mark on this small community in Michigan. Most of the reports come from Green Oaks and Brighton townships, and took place in the evenings of February 8 and 9, 1978. More than a dozen persons saw the UFOs but the authorities turned a deaf ear—as usual.

One of the viewers, a very reliable former Air Force technician, even provided a local newspaper with the diagrams of what he saw. Tom Beauchamp said, "I got a very good view of the bottom of the craft which came from the west. It was low and traveling very fast—the thing was bigger than three 747 jumbo jets."

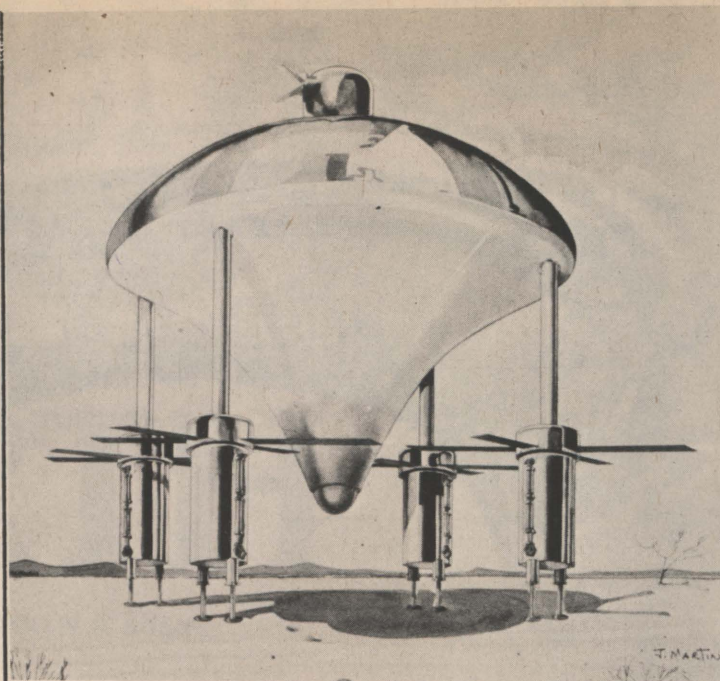
Beauchamp was sitting outside his home when some neighbors ran up to him pointing to a strange looking flying machine. Because

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The drawing (above) was sent to the author by one of the witnesses who was questioned on his sighting. The Drawing (right) is a rendering of the Biblical spaceship as reconstructed by Josef Blumrich.



of his background in the Air Force it's obvious that if he said it wasn't a plane or conventional aircraft...it wasn't.

Interviewed by a local paper he said: "The thing had sort of an oval shape (many UFO sightings claim an oval shape, but from an angle, any round object looks like an oval) and it had a great intensity of light coming from the center of the craft. They were definitely not aircraft lights, 'I'm sure, they were located in a small area in the center of the craft.'"

One woman said: "It was so big, so real—we were ecstatic, hugging each other—we had no fear at all, in fact we felt it was a privilege to have seen it."

Another man said: "I saw about six of them up there, all were just hanging in the sky." Mike Sixby heard about the UFOs over the radio in his car. Seconds later, he saw the objects zoom into view. Keeping calm he reached for his movie camera which he always keeps with him, and shot a roll of 8mm color film. The film was sent to WJBK-TV where it was aired several nights later.

Elsewhere a group of men and women watched wide-eyed as four UFOs darted back and forth over Island Lake for over an hour. A

woman in the group said: "They hovered, made sharp right angle turns, and sped off at a rapid rate of speed leaving what looked like clouds behind them."

Investigating further, I was told by several witnesses that a very large mother ship appeared high in the sky. While watching this huge craft, one man reported that, "A large beam was flashing from the top and another beam, sort of bluish in color was flashing from the bottom. As I watched three smaller crafts came into view and disappeared into the larger one. The larger one then began to rise rapidly and in no time, was gone."

The police at Green Oak township were flooded with calls. Beauchamp, the former Air Force man was among the callers. He said that he was frustrated because everyone, including the police, CIA and the FBI said they didn't want to hear about it.

John and Clara Cassim who were visiting friends said they saw a machine sitting in a small clearing just off the road. "It looked like a very big 'lightbulb' resting on four legs. We thought it might have been some new type of equipment which one sees around construction jobs," John said. At this point Clara Cassim exclaim-

ed... "but when we saw the figures, three of them I believe, that appeared and climbed into this thing, I felt sure we were looking at something unearthly. Then the machine started to glow very bright and rose straight up."

"We didn't talk about it to anyone until we heard the reports on the radio and saw the film on TV, that's when we decided to tell our story."

Several residents made rough sketches of the UFOs which were submitted to *The Argus*, a local newspaper. One sketch was sent to this writer which is included on this page. This is not the conventional type saucer which has become a sort of trade mark, but rather similar to the one described by NASA scientist-engineer Josef Blumrich's book *The Spaceships of Ezekiel*. Blumrich was sure that von Daniken was wrong about his theories concerning ancient astronauts. What interested Blumrich most was von Daniken's theories on the sighting mentioned in the Bible by the prophet Ezekiel.

After reading the chapter in the Bible, Blumrich was convinced that von Daniken could be right. He even designed, or reconstruct-

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UFO Report No.

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Name (person reporting) _____

Address _____

Area of Sighting _____

Date of Sighting _____

Time _____

Weather Conditions

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- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Overcast
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Photo or sketch of object

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BEYOND PLANET EARTH

BY DR. FRANKLIN R. RUEHL



Were the Peruvian plains of Nazca once used as landing bases for extraterrestrial spacecraft? Are UFOs from another time, another dimension, or as often contended, another planet?

While the answer to these questions are unknown to me, they are also irrelevant to me. As a theoretical nuclear physicist who has scrutinizingly analyzed the scientific data, I am thoroughly convinced that the universe is literally teeming with life, that life, indeed, is the common denominator of the cosmic backdrop. Hence, any proof afforded by affirmative answers to the aforementioned interrogatives is unnecessary to persuade me that extraterrestrial bioforms exist.

It is indeed an unfortunate commentary on our advanced technological society that only an immeasurable percentage of representatives from the scientific community have been courageous enough in expressing themselves on these decidedly eschatological issues.

Undoubtedly, fear of being stigmatized as some sort of atomic-age mountebank has deterred more than one astronomer or physicist from enunciating his

considered opinions on such subjects. If only more scientists would emerge from their insulated modules, if only the scientific establishment extends its wholehearted imprimatur to an objective investigation of the UFO phenomenon, then tangible and marked progress could be realized in culling the available data.

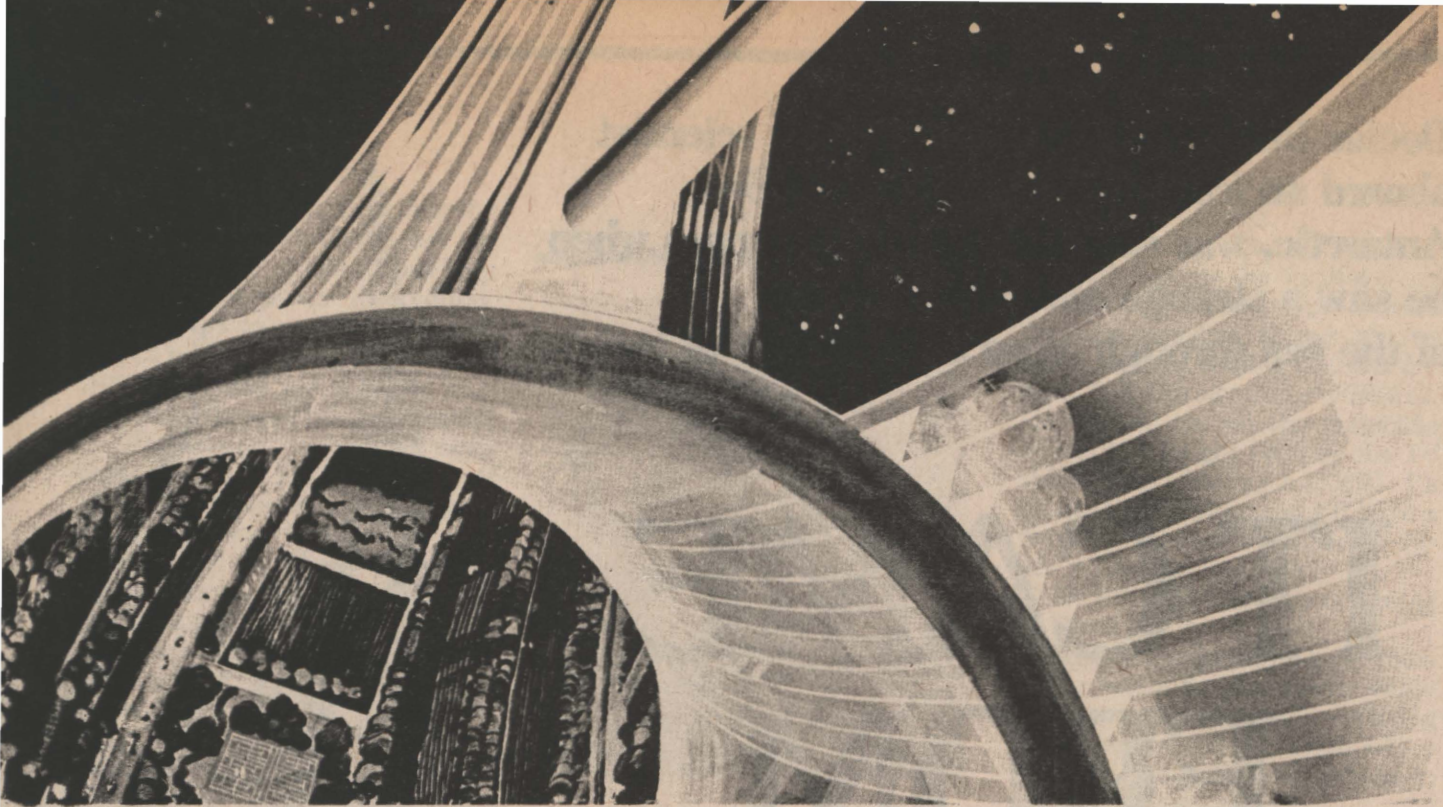
And just what is the "scientific" evidence for life's existence beyond the confines of Mother Earth? First, there are at least 100 sextillion (1×10^{23} or 100 billion trillion) identifiable stars within range of earthbound telescopes, endowed with the potential to give vitalization to its own planetary family, and this number only represents what is observable to us within a relatively minor sector of the universe. Considering the infinite vastness of the cosmos, the potential number of existing planets is virtually limitless.

If any doubt exists as to the veracity of this assertion, consider the night of June 15, 1977, an historic evening on which University of Arizona astronomers announced a most significant astrophysical discovery. In the constellation of Cygnus, some

7,000 light-years distant, is found a star bearing the unappealing appellation of MWC349. It is a zero-age main sequence star, a stellar entity which has only recently commenced nuclear burning (within the last 10,000 years or less) and is rated very young, cosmologically speaking.

Curiously, it is 11 times as bright as expected and has a luminous disk circumscribing it that extends out from the center about 186,000,000 miles. The irrefutable conclusion is that astronomers are witnessing a preplanetary nebula, or cloud, on the verge of condensing into an actual family of planets! This hypothesis is reinforced by the fact that the temperature of the disk gradually falls off to the thousands and then hundreds of degrees at increasingly greater distances from the body of MWC349 until a point is reached where the material is so cool that it no longer glows, yielding only a dark corona, or outer halo, at the periphery. Our own solar system is thought to have evolved from a similar preplanetary disk.

I submit that this discovery corroborates a long-standing thesis of mine, viz, that every single



star in the universe, whether in the past or the present, rotates at the center of its own planetary following! Why? Because it is inherent in the essence of a star that its own nativity automatically and inevitably triggers the birth of an accompanying contingent of planets.

For example, according to the nebular hypothesis, a star such as our own sun, evolves from a slowly rotating nebula composed of dust and gas. As its composite particles begin to exert a gravitational pull on one another, this cloud contracts and commences to rotate at an ever increasing rate in order to conserve angular momentum. At a critical stage, the interior pressures at the core generate sufficient heat (pressure and temperature are directly proportional in a confined gas, such as this nebula) to detonate a thermonuclear reaction and, with this, the birth of a radiating new star.

However, contemporaneous with this internal genesis is an external formation of planets from a residue of particles far from the blazing kernel which are congregating into globules of matter that will eventually grow into planets

dutifully orbiting the parent star. This is a universal process which characterizes the initial development of every single star in existence, and not just a few selected at random; it is the process currently taking place in MWC349.

Hence, any star not having at least a few planets in yoke must indeed constitute a stellar rarity. Confined only to the clutch of galaxies which are pinpointed by astronomers, a potential one septillion (1×10^{24} or a trillion trillion) planets can be presumed to exist in our own immediate island Universe, with an average of 10 planets rotating about each and every one of the presently catalogued 100 sextillion stellar entities.

Now, if but a mere 1/100th of 12 of these septillion planets harbor the prerequisites for life as we know it, still 100 quintillion (1×10^{20} or a hundred million trillion) possibilities remain for the existence of earth-like life.

But, what about embodiments that might be nonhuman in essence? Could not life exist in forms we cannot yet conceive of, based on chemical systems other than our own familiar oxygen-

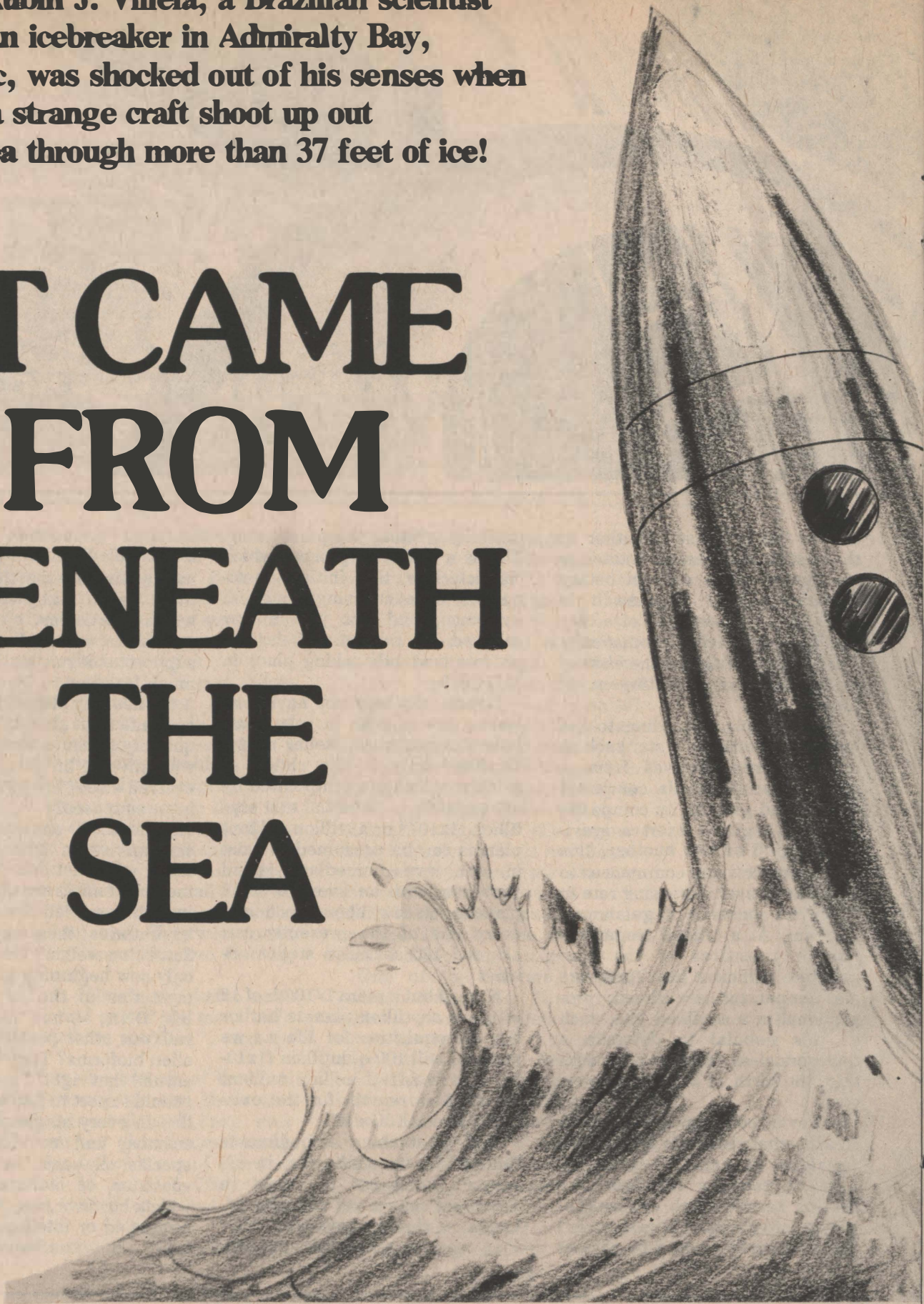
nitrogen foundation? Far too many biologists have adopted the medieval stance that they know all there is to comprehend about which particular environmental conditions can and cannot lend support to biogenesis. Yet, there is much for them to learn.

On this very planet, for instance, contradictions abound in sufficient quantity to cause us to ponder at what diverse life forms may have evolved elsewhere in the universe in supposedly hostile environments. If anaerobic bacteria can survive in airless vacuums, then why not on oxygen-free moons? If mites are able to subsist in methane-filled chambers in our laboratories, then why not in the Saturnian welkin? Geneticists are only now beginning to unravel the mysteries of the key to human life, DNA, so how can they dare rule out other possible bases for alien bioforms? They have not yet earned that right! I assert that we should expect to find some form of life on every single planet in the cosmos, and not just a single species on each, but an entire spectrum of bioforms, none or which, however, may be necessary humanoid or intelligent, only living !

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IT CAME FROM BENEATH THE SEA



Who can say how many unexplained aerial sightings there have been since man craned his neck and looked up at the sky.

The total number would stagger the imagination of even the most hardened UFO cynics. In 1869, for example, R.P. Greg of the Geological Society of Great Britain, published a large report which was entitled *Meteorites and Fireballs from A.D. 2 to A.D. 1860*, in which appeared over 2000 accounts about strange objects that have appeared in the sky, fell from the sky, exploded, killed people. These objects often appeared out of, or plunged into, the sea! We simply can't deny that these things happened—and are still happening.

Yet in 1970, a UFO committee, under contract to the Office of Scientific and Technical Research, issued a report which stated "our general conclusion is that nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added

to scientific knowledge. Careful consideration of the record as it is available to us leads us to conclude that further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby."

Since the committee spent two years and over \$600,000 of taxpayers' money investigating the question of UFOs, the very least we can expect is a thoroughly detailed study. Proceeding on the assumption that the UFOs are tangible and not the figment of 50 million people's imaginations, let's take a look at a few of the reports that the UFO Committee "carefully considered."

From the diary of Andrew Bloxham, Esq., comes this account: "About half past three o'clock on the morning of August 12, 1825, the middle watch on deck was astonished to find everything around them suddenly illuminated. (Bloxham was a passenger aboard the vessel). Turning their eyes eastward they beheld a large, round, luminous body rising up about seven degrees from the water to the clouds, and falling again out of sight, and a second time rising and falling. It was the color of a redhot cannon shot and appeared about the size of the sun. It gave so great a light that a pin might be picked up from the deck..."

In 1909, the Danish ship *Bin-tang* was cruising in the Strait of Malacca, when its skipper saw a "vast revolving wheel of light

sitting flat on the water; long arms issued from the center around which the whole system appeared to rotate."

The ghost-like wheel was centered on the horizon and was so large that only half could be seen at a time.

Then, several decades later:

Dr. Rubens J. Villela, a Brazilian scientist aboard an icebreaker in Admiralty Bay, in the Antarctic, was shocked out of his senses when he saw "something" suddenly come shooting up out of the sea through more than 37 feet of ice, and climb into the sky "like a silvery bullet." Huge chunks of ice went flying high into the air and came hurtling down all around the hole in the ice. The water began to boil, while curtains of steam issued from both the hole and the falling ice.

Residents of more than twelve cities, from Akron, Ohio to Syracuse, New York reported that on the evening of December 2, 1962, a bright light-bulb-shaped object moved eastward across the sky, angling off toward the north and dived into Lake Erie.

Another "carefully considered" case which was reported to the UFO Committee took place on August 4, 1967. Dr. H.S. Yopez was fishing in the Gulf of Venezuela when he felt vibrations and the "sea began to boil in big bubbles in a circle about six meters in diameter." Startled, to say the least, the doctor observed emerging from the water a flat "globe", bluish-grey in color and having a "revolving section with triangular windows." It hovered close to the surface, water dripping from its slick body. Slowly the object ascended in an arc, then shot upward into the sky.

Another case dealing with UFOs coming out of water took place in the early morning of May 20, 1968, on Moore Lake in Littleton, New Hampshire. Three

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witnesses reported seeing a "whitish mound", approximately two feet wide, with "red glowing eyes", hovering about a foot above the water. With the appearance of the eerie red glow, all night noises ceased. It was silent as a death vigil. Slowly, the glow moved toward the wharf, "charging" the witnesses and lighting up the area.

On the surface these cases may sound like just another listing of UFO happenings, but on closer inspection we see that they all have one important factor in common—they each involve water. It seems highly unlikely that the esteemed men on the UFO Committee investigated their subject thoroughly; otherwise how does one explain their overlooking the significant and rather astonishing fact that over 50 percent of all reported UFO sightings have occurred over water, plunging into or coming out of water. Surely, this is enough to warrant further exploration.

Just why should this fact be so pertinent? Because almost 75 percent of the surface of our planet is covered with water and we have only concerned ourselves with a small portion of this vast area. Our ocean shipping lanes only average 20 miles wide, and our air lanes average about the same distance. Therefore, what really occurs on and in the ocean and their surrounding seas is virtually a mystery to us. How then, in all good conscience, can we say, "There is nothing going down there?"

Even earth astronauts, when they return from space, bring their landing capsule down in an ocean because of its comparatively smooth surface and elasticity. Any craft that can travel through space must be completely sealed and therefore theoretically quite capable of continuing down into a liquid medium. So, if an extraterrestrial life form comes into our atmosphere, what better

place for it to land than in the calm, placid waters of the Caribbean or the vast expanse of Lake Erie, just to mention two hotbeds of UFO activity.

The following detailed report of their experience is excerpted from CSI Publication, July 25, 1957:

Shortly before midnight on the night of September 16-17, 1955, a Mr. and Mrs. Bordes were trolling for bass in the Titicus Reservoir in northern Westchester County, New York. They were in a small cove on the north side of the lake, which is about three miles in length with the long axis east to west. Mrs. Bordes was rowing while her husband was busy untangling fishlines. For the first time in their experience they had not taken a single fish. It was pitch dark; there was no moon and the stars were hidden by overcast. At this moment Mrs. Bordes saw a strange object rise out of the water on the shoreward side of the boat, no more than a few yards away. It was a rose-colored, luminous sphere...at least it appeared spherical from the top, and was about the size of a basketball with dark areas on it. It rose about a foot into the air and then fell back into the water with a resounding splash. Mr. Bordes, standing in the stern with his back to it, thought a big fish had jumped.

Mrs. Bordes is a more than usually intrepid young woman, who enjoys hunting and fishing at night, but this sight was so unnatural that it alarmed her. She took up the oars and rowed straight for shore. Her husband still intent on his task, postulated until suddenly he too caught sight of something. "Quiet!" he whispered. "I think I see a phenomenon!" Mrs. Bordes, who was petrified with fear, saw the phenomenon too. Some 200 yards to the southeast of them, toward the center of the lake, and apparently floating on it, glowed two parallel

lights, like bluish-white fluorescent tubes. They were of a sinuous wavy shape, but rigid; they did not undulate. Their size seemed to be about twice that of a 15-foot rowboat. On top was a round light of lesser brilliance, more yellowish-white in hue. Smaller than a full moon, and dimmer than a car headlight, it appeared the size of a basketball or pawnbroker's ball at a distance of a few hundred feet. It was not hovering in midair, but was apparently fixed to a solid body which was only intermittently visible as a dim grey shape against the blackness. As they watched, they perceived that this round light was regularly eclipsed from one side and then opened up again, giving a very definite impression of a rotating spotlight; although it projected no visible beam, they could see each other's faces when the light was shining toward them.

Mr. Bordes, who felt more curiosity than fear, wished to row closer to the object; but his wife, in near-hysterical fright, threatened to jump overboard if he did any such thing. He therefore put her ashore and started off in the boat to investigate by himself. As he attempted to approach, the lights began moving off to his left. They did not make a sound. Mr. Bordes emphasized that they were moving into a rather stiff breeze at a rate much too fast for any rowboat. Then the lights stopped and came toward him slightly. At this point he returned to the north shore to pick up his wife, and together they rowed westward to the boat mooring nearly a mile from where they had spotted the object.

During the whole return trip the object appeared to be following them at roughly its original distance; the boat was illuminated the whole time by the light, and Mrs. Bordes was weeping with distress. When they left the boat and drove off in their car, the luminous object was still visible on the

water, though by now it was moving off to the east again. These motions were so definite, according to Mr. Bordes, that any optical phenomenon of the mirage order seemed to be out of the question. Besides, no natural source of such brilliant light could be found.

The CSI, though long-since disbanded, was nonetheless an extremely earnest organization whose reporters were exceptionally cautious in their investigations. We have no reason to doubt the authenticity of their account. But we have no explanation to offer either, save the fact that by virtue of such alien happenings, this does present us with the very real possibility that intelligent life, other than we know it, may have chosen our water system as a base of operations.

This possibility becomes greater with each report brought to our attention. One of the most extraordinary cases in support of this hypothesis occurred in the northeast Pacific.

In 1945, the U.S. Army Transport *Delarof* had been hauling munitions and supplies to Alaska. About sunset on a summer's eve of that year, the crew members saw a large object which had just emerged from the sea. Showing darkly against the setting sun, the unknown craft climbed almost straight up, then arced into level flight and began to circle the ship. It was estimated to be about 150-200 feet. The UFO circled the vessel two or three times, moving smoothly and with no audible sound. All the witnesses believed it was self-propelled; otherwise the strong winds would have affected its movements. After several minutes, the object disappeared to the south. Suddenly the crew saw three flashes of light from the area where it had vanished. The *Delarof's* captain posted an extra watch as the ship moved through that sector later, but nothing was seen.

Yet something was positively seen coming out of the sea. None of our armed forces, or any other country's for that matter, admitted having anything to do with it, even any knowledge of it. Could it be that it was in fact guided by some alien power operating beneath the waves?

Need more proof? Perhaps this one from the Office of Naval Research will convince skeptics

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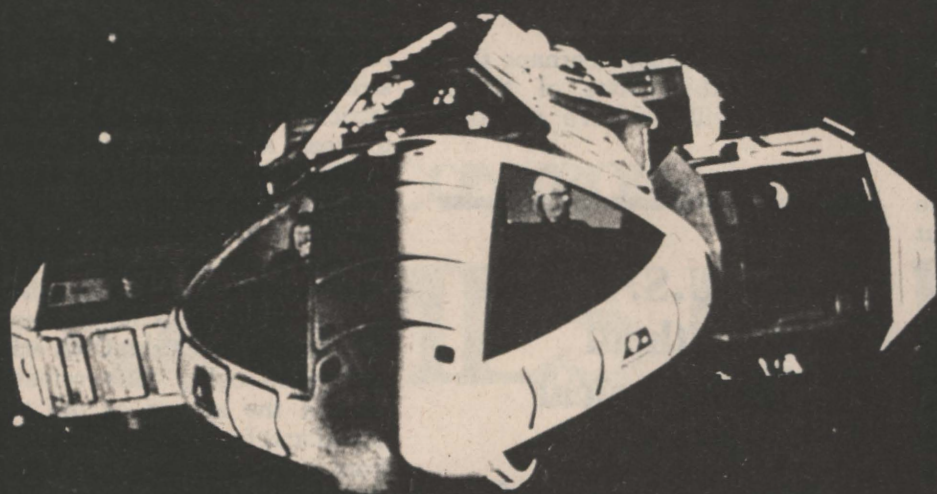
that there is more than fish and seaweed in our oceans:

In the mid-1960s, scientists for the Office of Naval Research (ONR) were working on a series of long-range underwater communication tests, aware that such tests have been tried before with little success. But one scientist had come up with a new theory and decided to try it out. Setting up a

mile-long antenna along the Continental Shelf to prove his point, they set out to sea aboard an ONR ship with instruments lowered to the bottom to pick up any signals. Transmission of the signals began. What startled the men aboard the research ship was the reception of the signal, then a repeat of the signal followed by a strange code which the most intricate computers are still trying to break. According to a later ONR report, what happened was that the signals in the experiment were picked up and copied by “something unknown.” Then this “something” began transmitting signals of its own on the same wavelength which the ONR scientists were using. The scientists tracked the source of the alien signal and found that it emanated from one of the deepest areas of the Atlantic Ocean—some 29,000 feet down!

The Navy with all its technical equipment, brainpower, and research facilities had to finally admit that “something strange was definitely down there.”

If any organization should acknowledge the fact that seemingly out-of-this-world occurrences are going on under the surface of our seas, the navies of the world should. It's true that men who know the seas—fishermen, oceanographers, marine biologists, etc.,—are very much aware of life below the surface, but they are primarily concerned with fish, aquatic mammals, flora and microbes. Since the advent of the submarine, it has been the navies that have been able to look closer at just what does go on underwater. And it is from the navies that we get the most valid—and stunning accounts of things other than “natural” life below the waves. But even the navies don't know what it is all about or how to interpret the reports they themselves have on record, except to say, “something strange is definitely down there.” □



Within the last year the public has been inundated by an avalanche of outer space merchandise prompted by the latest space epics courtesy of Hollywood. *Star Wars* began the hardsell explosion that was closely followed by *Close Encounters Of The Third Kind*. By now practically everyone has been exposed to some form of the craze. Music from the films' soundtracks dominate the airwaves and discos, and jewelry, toys and games, clothes, masks, glasses and posters that depict the films stars and miniature reproductions of the various character's assail our consciousness from every direction. It seems that the entire world has merrily fallen in love with everything connected with outer space reminiscent of the shark infatuation of a few

years ago stimulated by *Jaws*. Overnight hordes of self-appointed experts have magically materialized and it's now the *in* thing to be very conversant and quite knowledgeable about UFOs.

But is there perhaps a more sinister, hidden purpose behind all of this seemingly spontaneous interest? Could it possibly be that the public is being subtly manipulated into this growing pre-occupation with UFOs? Have we been saturated for a purpose? Let us take a closer look at the situation.

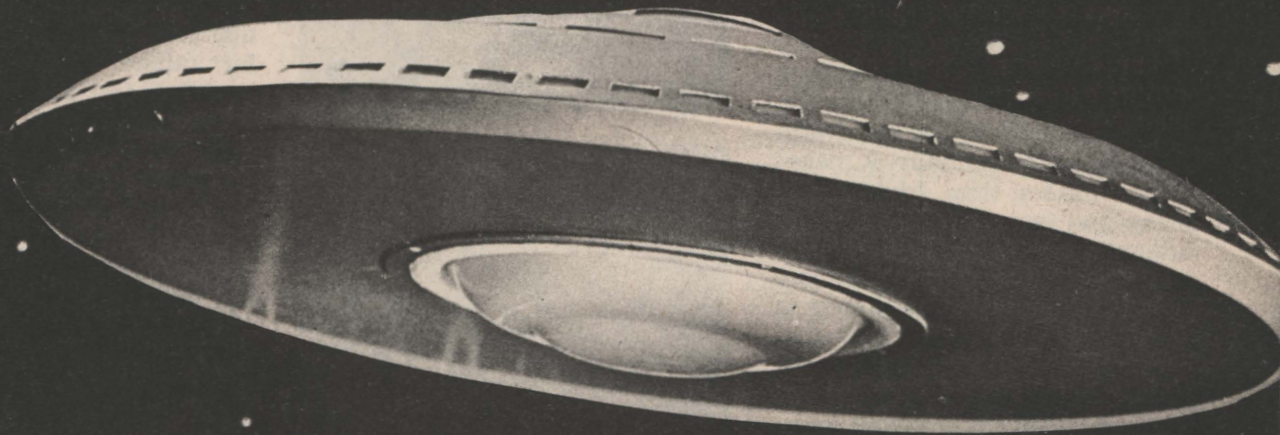
First, it wouldn't be the first time that films have been used to condition and prepare the public for events to come. Government leaders have long recognized that the masses can be brainwashed into accepting new ideas and changes through attractive pack-

aging. Hitler sold Nazism to the German people through countless propaganda films while Hollywood taught the public how to hate the enemy through its various war films. Movies have always exerted a strong influence upon its viewers as to how to live properly and conduct oneself in any given situation. We are bombarded daily by slick commercials which, through attractive and stimulating slogans and films, try to condition us into buying their products. The concept being if you constantly see or hear something long enough you will come to believe it or adjust and become comfortable with it.

Is the same strategy being implemented in regards to imminent UFO contacts? We are by now so used to the bizarre creatures of *Star Wars* and our

Every indication points to the fact that we are being conditioned for a

CONTACT!



children so in love with laser swords and Chewbacca, and are so in tune with the gentle appearance of the alien in *Close Encounters Of The Third Kind* that, subconsciously, most of us are eagerly awaiting and yearning for an actual encounter. We have already been entertainingly conditioned that no harm will come to us from such a confrontation. If someone in a high place of authority knew for certain that such a meeting was rapidly approaching, what better way to prepare the public than by such a method? What better way to program us than through our favorite medium: the movies? Right now the public has been so charmed by these two films that there is a dangerous trend developing whereby many people are growing an alarming sense of an

actual longing for a true encounter. A remarkable triumph for the person responsible if such really is the situation but it could eventually prove to be a fatal achievement.

Before you scoff and say preposterous, read on and keep an open mind. Recall all the recent scandals and examples of misuse of power in government and how they can manipulate the media before you reject the theory.

During the late 1940s when Kenneth Arnold had his classic sighting the world adopted the descriptive phrase, "flying saucers." Back in those hectic days and into the frantic '50s the merest whisper of the term would send military and U.S. Air Force generals, in particular, into a livid rage of sputtering denials. At that time the possibility of flying

saucers being real was emphatically protested by all persons in authority. A curtain of silence was drawn around the subject and the official reaction was to explain way all sightings with a reasonable answer at any cost or make the person look like a fool. Kill the subject of flying saucers at all costs.

When the cheap exploitation monster films of the early '50s came along they played right into the military hands. Most of those forgettable films were so ridiculous that they made the entire concept of flying saucers a laughable commodity. The Air Force couldn't have been happier.

But by the mid-'50s it was obvious to many high officials that the subject couldn't be chuckled away. The number of sight-

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ings continued to grow though the greatest percentage could be explained away, an uncomfortable number remained totally unexplainable. As more sophisticated and detailed encounters occurred, it became obvious that perhaps the government's initial response was too hasty and that the public should be educated and conditioned to the possibility that flying saucers might be real.

But this was easier said than done. Back in those days the word of the military and the government was accepted as the gospel truth. The public trusted blindly and to suddenly admit that they may have been misled and that an alien visit could be possible was unthinkable.

The only logical step would be to begin to quietly and systematically prepare the public for the truth; build them up gradually. It makes sense. Rather than frighten too many and cause a panic, subtly drop hints from time to time, issue documents that would stimulate debate, make a gradual change in official attitude, have a few top-flight men speak out against the system so that the eventual idea of an alien encounter wouldn't be so mind-boggling. Then after a proper period of time, pick up the tempo, change the approach, introduce more sophisticated information and then try to reach the public, especially the youth, by way of the entertainment media until the idea of alien visitors was familiar, accepted and would be more anticipated than repulsed. A classic example of American salesmanship peaked to its highest degree of perfection...and it may be exactly what happened.

Consider if you will that it was during the mid-'50s that Major Donald Keyhoe was an obscure officer who had worked for a while on the official Air Force saucer investigation group code-named *Project Blue Book*. Major Keyhoe claims he was fed up by all the lies being handed out to the public and the dangerous situation developing concerning national safety. So



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is our government
preparing us for a
contact with
extraterrestrial life?**

he retired, hit the lecture circuit and wrote a number of highly successful books attacking Air Force policy. He eventually set up the most influential civilian saucer group in the country, the National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena (NICAP). Because of his rank and former position of authority Keyhoe attracted much attention and his views were studied quite seriously by many prominent individuals which kept the debate going and also gave some a reasonable cause to doubt.

In time Keyhoe was joined by famous outspoken radio commentator and author, Frank Edwards. Both men gathered a huge, popular following and paved the way for others to come along to question and disagree with officials. But isn't that just the way it might have been supposed to have happened? Might not that have been the official gameplan all along?

Let's ask ourselves a few obvious questions. Since Keyhoe had risen to the rank of Major in the Marines Corps, it stands to reason he would be the loyal, patriotic type. Yet he seemed to relish attacking his former friends and career which had treated him very well. For a man out of the service and causing so much trouble he never seemed to have any problem obtaining official secret documents. For a man that was officially not to be trusted he seemed to have many friends who kept feeding him valuable information at a high personal risk to themselves for no apparent reward. And finally, are we honestly to believe in this day and age that both Keyhoe and Edwards could not have been effectively muzzled by the authorities if they had really wanted to? On the contrary, in retrospect, it now seems that both men were quietly encouraged and helped by the very organization they were condemning.

If one continues to look closely, it seems there are many instances of the government doing an abrupt

about face on its own official position. While denying the existence of flying saucers, it would still lend support and advice to the Walt Disney Studios when the famous animator made several award-winning films on the eventual conquest of space. There were some sequences in the film speculating on encountering alien life forms, and the entire idea of spaceflight was connected to the rash of sightings but that never bothered the Air Force.

The Air Force was quick to adopt the term UFOs in the early 1960s which deemed more dignified and workable than the old flying saucer description. Later when the public interest waned and UFOs seemed a dead issue the Air Force, amid much publicity and fanfare, released the Condon Report. It said absolutely nothing new and was bound to stir up controversy and rehash old arguments. It did. The question is why was it released at all? If the Air Force really wanted the public to forget UFOs they had almost accomplished their task. No one cared anymore, so why bother? Why stir up old debates and antagonize new opponents who were much adept and better informed to carry on the fight? Why indeed? Unless there was another reason. Unless we were supposed to keep an interest in the subject of UFOs.

If, in fact, that was the actual plan, the master strategy planned so long ago, then it has succeeded in a grand fashion.

Consider that thirty years ago the vast majority was frightened of UFOs. But the government calmed and reassured us that everything was all right and we were in no danger. The military treated them as a joke and we all nervously laughed. By the 1950s 80% of the public thought UFOs were a hoax. Then quietly over the years a few certain, select individuals were supplied with information and allowed to complain against the official position thus raising many doubts. As time passed more



J. Allen Hynek, co-author of "The Edge of Reality," feels that the UFOs are a reality. Dr. Hynek was a consultant For U.S. Air Force Project Blue Book. He has been active in UFO research for over 25 years and is also the founder and president of the Center For UFO Studies.

influential persons were encouraged to speak out without any fear of reprisal. Certain films and books were also quietly endorsed and helped along on a public that was beginning to question and debate. More and more detailed sightings and encounters were leaked out until by the early 1970s a survey showed that almost 80% of the public now firmly believed in UFOs without any show of panic.

Now it was time for the big final push. To make UFOs popular entertainment. To make them such a comfortable part of our society that in the near future if a spaceship were to publicly land it would be met with more curiosity and excitement than fear. And wonder of wonders, as if on cue, two of the greatest and highly successful films of all time, spawning a host of related movies and TV shows, quite suddenly appear on the scene. *Star Wars* and *Close Encounters Of The Third Kind* show that aliens are fun, fantasy and friendly.

In essence *Star Wars* tells us life in outer space is a cowboy adventure with the good guys always winning and, because of our religious convictions, we are superior to all other alien forms. The overall effect of the film is one of great awe and beauty. The audience is thrilled and delighted when first confronted with the spaceships and the final appearance of

the gigantic mothership never fails to elicit gasps of wonderment. The gentle appearance of the alien and his very touching, warm, "human" smile never fails to earn the affection of the audience. One leaves the theater with a warm feeling for the aliens and a respect for their obvious superior intelligence. One can hardly wait to meet one. Which may be precisely the feeling we're supposed to have.

While the nation is still on a high concerning the two films, yet another space-related program has been created. Now every Sunday evening on national TV, Project UFO can be seen. Again, it's a series that causes much speculation and debate on the probability of UFOs. It shows the Air Force as sincere, dedicated patriots who, although they still manage to expose most sightings, are now willing to admit to doubt and the possibility of alien spacecraft. In its own quiet way, it is quite a revolutionary series that would never be on the air without Air Force approval.

Is it on our tv screens for a purpose? Is it there to hopefully influence those who never go to the movie theaters anymore? Are we being guided by high government officials towards some epic meeting or does it just seem that way? It's something to wonder. □

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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OVER BROOKLYN

Was it a bird, was it a plane—or was it a UFO?

Scores of people in Brooklyn and Queens think they saw a UFO last night.

An official of the Federal Aviation Administration at Kennedy Airport saw the eerie lights hanging in the southwest sky for about three minutes before they simply vanished.

"It was not a normal star sighting," he said.

A Brooklyn mail clerk, sky gazing from his Ralph Avenue stoop, watched similarly mysterious lights—unmoving, close together, bright—for almost two hours. When he went to his roof for a clearer view, they were gone.

"I've never seen stars like that before," Steve Horvath said. "And they didn't move like a plane or satellite."

And other calls came in from Brook-

lyn and Queens from people reporting other-worldly sightings.

All thought they were seeing UFOs. But Bernard Faralino thinks they were seeing him, buzzing the Brooklyn shore, line with his night-light advertisement for "Randazzo's Seafood Restaurant, Sheepshead Bay."

"You can only see that there are letters and words when you're directly below the plane," said the Brooklyn School of Aviation pilot. "From anywhere else, all you see is a stream of bright, flashing lights."

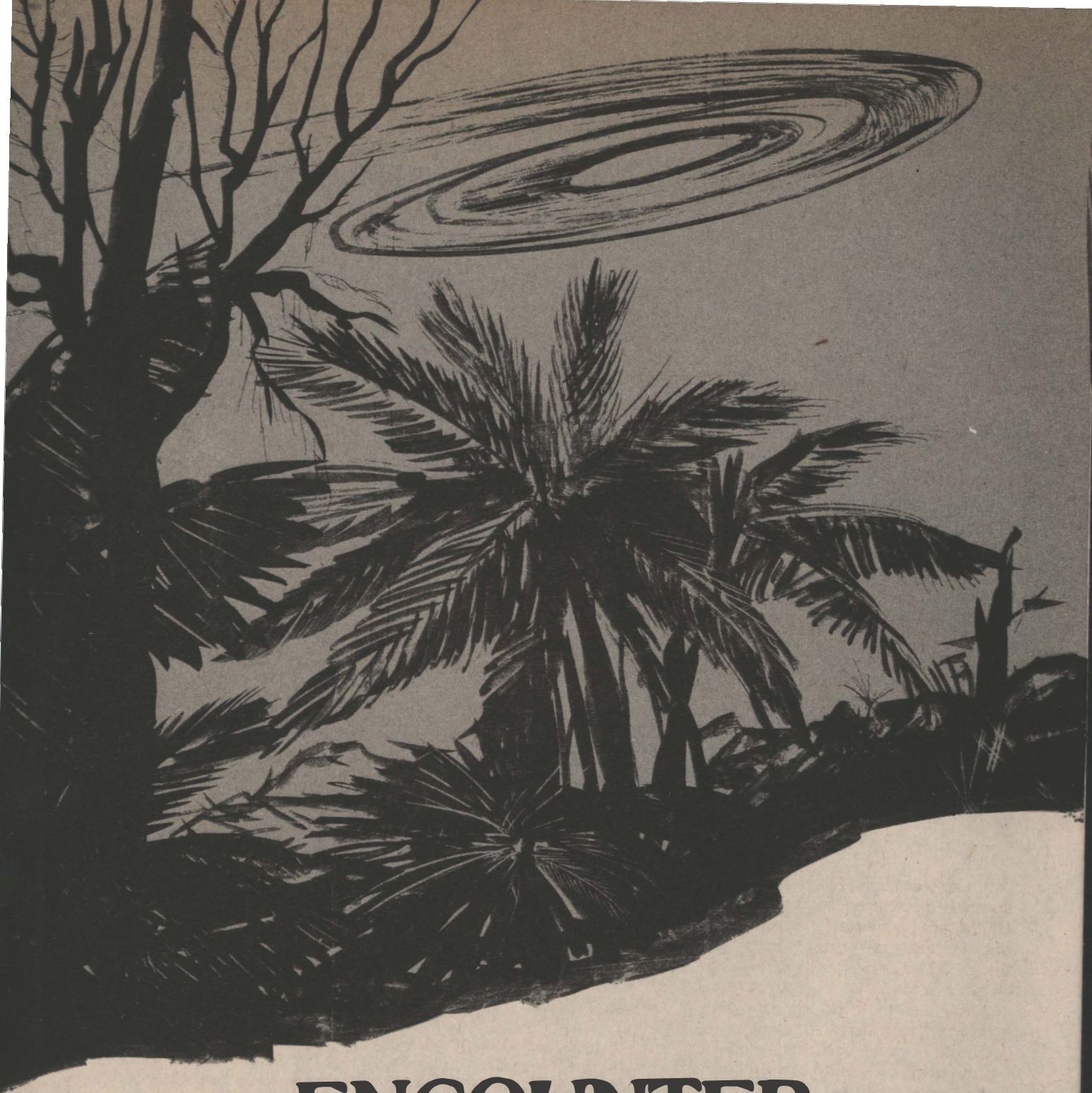
"That's when I'm over the shore. But when I circle back over the water, I cut all the lights on the billboard and plane—that explains the disappearance."

"I can't blame people for going out of

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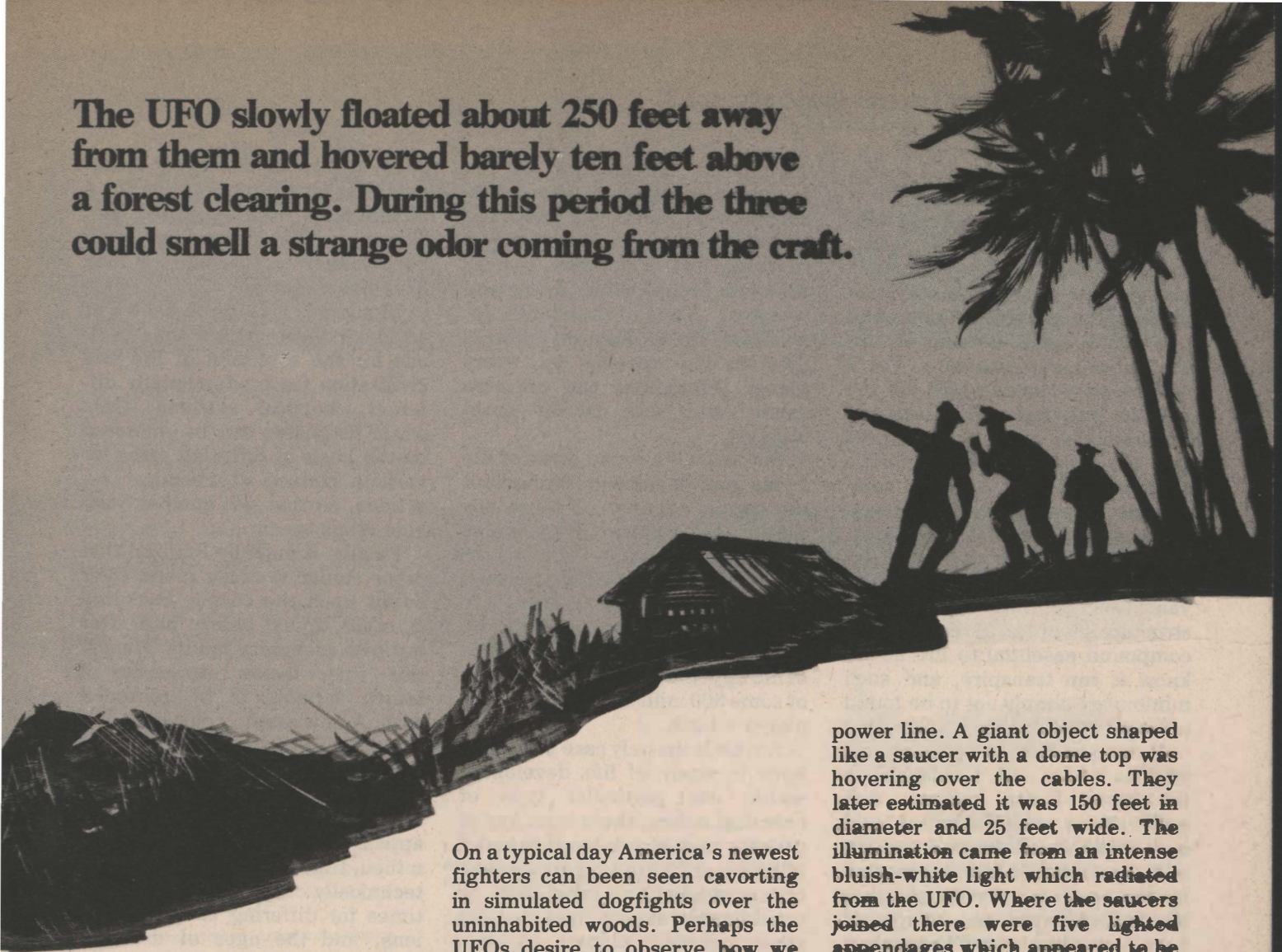




ENCOUNTER AT OCALA

BY JIM MILES

The UFO slowly floated about 250 feet away from them and hovered barely ten feet above a forest clearing. During this period the three could smell a strange odor coming from the craft.



In Central Florida is an isolated, sparsely populated region where UFOs are constantly seen and bigfoot creatures prowl with regularity. The place is the Ocala National Forest, an area of about 450,000 acres of marginal land located in three different counties. The land is good only for growing scrub oak and pine trees for pulpwood industries, but it would be an ideal base for an intelligence which does not wish to be observed. Besides the miles of unpopulated woodlands, numerous large lakes dot the landscape.

Located in the most isolated section of the Forest is a secret Navy installation. Here, at the Pinecastle Electronic Naval Warfare Range, military pilots are taught the skills they need to survive in modern aerial combat.

On a typical day America's newest fighters can be seen cavorting in simulated dogfights over the uninhabited woods. Perhaps the UFOs desire to observe how we would attempt to destroy an invading aerial armada...

The most recent sightings began on December 14, 1975, when simultaneous, other UFO sightings were made over this area. One group of sightings came from the Forest itself, the other from Hastings, some 28 miles south of Ocala.

At 9 p.m. Eugene Bell and Ray Lanier from Williston, Florida, and Iris Brenner from Houston, Texas, were searching for a lost deer hound in thick woods, about a mile northeast of Salt Springs. As they drove down a narrow dirt lane and passed under a power line, they sighted what they assumed was a transformer exploding on the line in front of them.

As they cautiously approached the brilliant light, they discovered that it had nothing to do with the

power line. A giant object shaped like a saucer with a dome top was hovering over the cables. They later estimated it was 150 feet in diameter and 25 feet wide. The illumination came from an intense bluish-white light which radiated from the UFO. Where the saucers joined there were five lighted appendages which appeared to be landing legs. The legs hung down 15 feet from the main body. As the saucer slowly moved away from the witnesses, red, blue, and white lights alternately flashed along the rim.

The UFO slowly floated about 250 feet away from them and hovered barely ten feet above a forest clearing. During this period the three could smell a strange odor which seemed to leave a metallic taste on their tongues. The UFO also emitted a loud, pulsating hum during the entire sighting.

While in the object's proximity the trio repeatedly attempted to call for help on their CB radio, but it refused to work until they drove away from the saucer. However, their truck's electrical system functioned normally. After having observed the craft for a full half hour, they drove away to report

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How do I dare propound such a sweeping postulate? While life is typically associated with warmth, the temperatures of the interstellar clouds which ultimately provide the grist for the mill of planetary production hover around the -455°F mark, a value of only $4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ above absolute zero. Yet it is these very clouds which are the key to proving my assertion! Theoretically, such temperatures are too cold for the prebiotic synthesis of the organic compounds requisite to the development of terrestrial life forms. The laws of thermodynamics demand that a certain minimum value be achieved before the structuring of a given organic compound essential to life as we know it can transpire, and such minima are simply not to be found among the preplanetary nebulae.

However, recent calculations, such as by Dr. V.I. Goldanskii in the Soviet Union, indicate that entire atoms, even if relatively cold and short on kinetic energy, can still penetrate the barriers erected by the repulsive forces of other atoms and enter into compound formation with them. The process, known as tunneling, is quantum mechanical in origin and permits the accumulation of appreciable amounts of prebiotic compounds during the lifetime of a nebula, even allowing for some losses caused by ultraviolet dissociation of molecules.

When cloud condensation does occur, leading to star formation, matter in the outer region of the nebula will not be heated sufficiently to induce a breakdown of these vital compounds, so that when planetary accretion takes place there in the peripheral zone, the newly formed orbs will start off with the raw ingredients of life, being in a sense preprogrammed to give rise to organic bioformation. But, it is here that it must be emphasized and reemphasized that not just the elements basic to organic life will be formed in this fashion, but also those

compounds fundamental to the evolution of species whose biochemistries geneticists have not yet dreamed of in the remotest recesses of their psyches, species of every conceivable form and function. Thus, abundant opportunity for entities of limitless diversity to develop on every planet throughout the universe exists, and with strong probability!

But, even if a broad array of life forms has developed throughout the cosmic expanse, is there any reason to believe that beings technologically superior to us indeed exist? Statistically, it would be most surprising if there are none! Earth is approximately 4.5 billion years old, yet the first traces of life appeared 4 billion years ago, or some 500 million years after this planet's birth.

As this is the only case biologists have to study of life developing within our particular type of chemical milieu, there is no way at present to determinate if that 0.5 billion year figure is characteristic of, extremely more rapid than, or considerably slower than that for other earthlike planets. In any event, the laws of probability predict that a bell-shaped, or Gaussian distribution curve would most accurately represent the time spans needed for various earthlike planets to exhibit their first fledgling signs of life.

Where on this curve does the earth fall? Today, with no data available for comparison, the question must remain unanswered. But, it is actually academic, for no matter where on the curve the earth lies (represented, let's say, by the symbol X), some planets will have started bearing life earlier than earth, and thus have the potential for harboring more advanced civilizations. And, the further to the right point X lies on that curve, the greater the number of such possibilities.

Another significant variable to consider is the time span required for that initial spark of life to

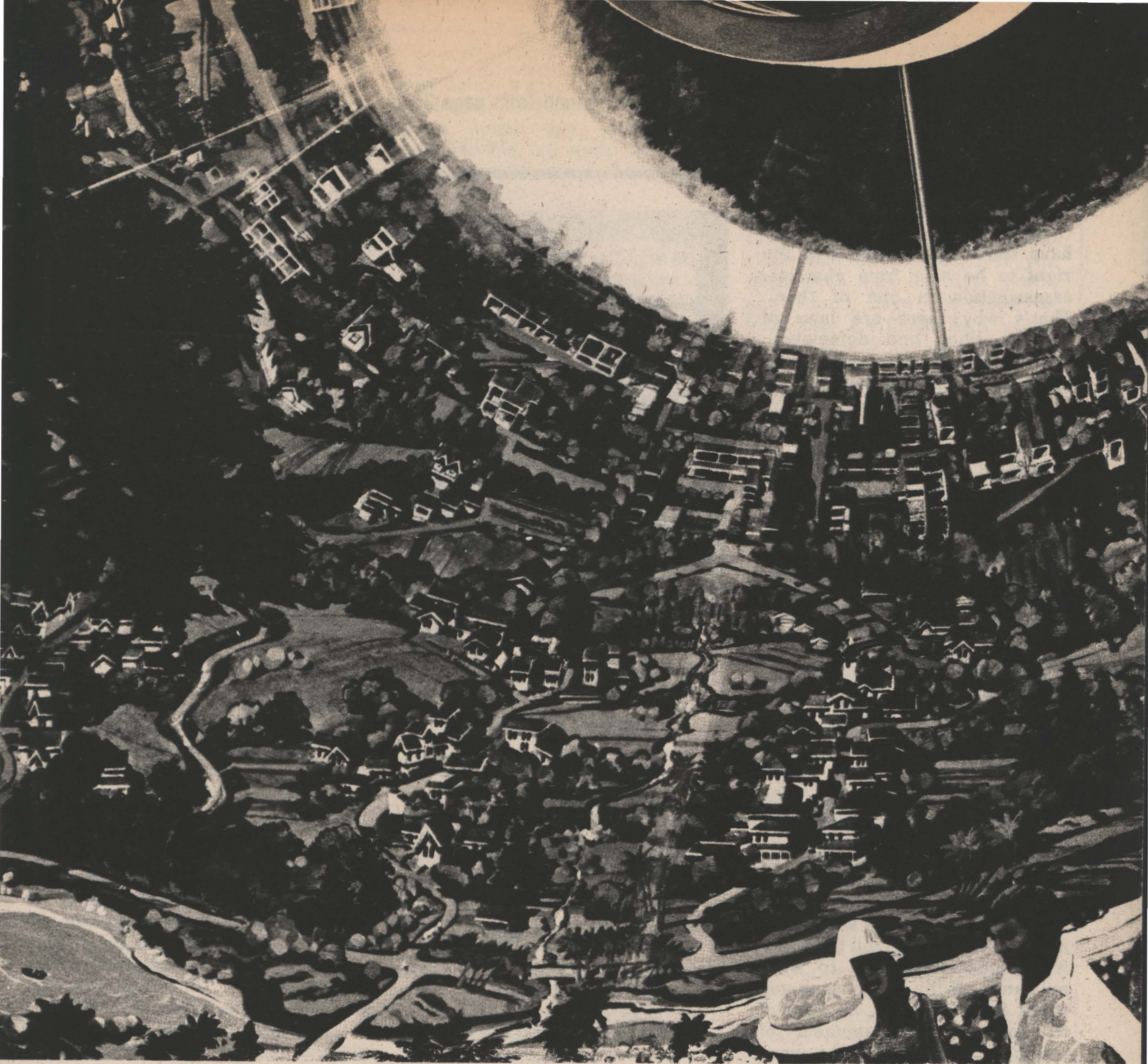
develop into an advanced technological civilization. On earth, 4 billion years were expended. But elsewhere, that interval may have been longer or, perhaps, it may have been shorter.

Of course, nothing is known at all about these critical time periods for the evolution of life and civilization for fundamentally different chemical systems. Only crude estimates can be rendered on the basis of differing rates for various classes of chemical reactions, so that yet another variable crops up.

Finally, it must be realized that other stellar systems made their debut upon the cosmic backdrop at other times, before and after our own planetary family. Hence, this time factor represents a fourth variable to be reckoned with. A new graph, consisting of a series of overlapping Gaussian curves depicting planets affected to varying degrees by this quartet of variables (time for life to first appear in a particular chemical milieu, time for that life to become technically sophisticated, these times for differing chemical milieus, and the ages of different planets on which such life might evolve) must be offered as a far more accurate delineation of the state of affairs in the universe.

If point X, for example, signifies the planet earth when the atomic bomb had been developed with relation to the birth of the first planet in the universe, then all points lying leftward of X represent civilizations which already have reached that technological milestone before terrestrial science, with each civilization's age greater than our own in proportion to its distance left of point X. The conclusion is inescapable: a myriad of planets are presently serving as the habitats of societies far in advance of earth's, a disquieting thought, to say the least).

Moreover, once a civilization enters the Atomic Age, its progress increases exponentially, so



Above, an artist's rendering of a NASA space colony. If a civilization such as ours which is still in its early stages of space flight can plan a space colony, then it very possible that some extraterrestrial civilization far superior to ours may have already colonized some areas of the universe.

that a difference of 100 years can mean a tenfold increase in technological superiority. As an illustration, a 16th century Moscovite would not have been taken aback by the progress his 17th century counterpart had made, but an 1878 Philadelphian suddenly teleported to 1978 would definitely

suffer severe future shock.

Imagine, then, what a difference of 1,000, 10,000 or 1,000,000 years would mean in terms of the capability for intergalactic space travel! Within this context, there is no logical reason why we cannot accept the thesis that alien spacecraft were indeed landing in the

high plains of Nazca centuries ago. It is merely a matter of time (albeit perhaps as long as 1,000 years) before we ourselves will be encountering alien civilizations on other planets in the vast recesses of the universe and coming to realize just how unique we are not. □

into paranoid fantasies that people can be classified as crackpots.

UFO: Isn't that their right?

OBERG: Most certainly. But I have some rights, too, and the right to be safe from character assassination in one of them. That's why there are laws of slander, libel, and defamation. And I won't be reluctant to use them when my reputation is at stake.

UFO: As a public figure, don't you have to prove malice?

OBERG: I'm not a public figure. Also, it won't be hard to prove malice with some of the hate mail my editors have been getting. You can see that the writers pressed down so hard, they broke their crayons on the paper!

UFO: Hate mail?

OBERG: Oh yes, I've seen the letters, from all across the US and Canada. "Oberg deserves to be thrown in jail", somebody said (and they printed it!). And worse.

UFO: How do you feel about it, personally?

OBERG: How should I feel? I've honestly tried to call the shots as I see them, publish new data on many famous cases, offer my results up for criticism, and what criticism do I get? That I'm a goddam liar out to smear the name of ufology! To tell the truth, it's disgusting enough to wash my hands off the whole thing and chuck it but I won't, because of the private encouragement of leading UFO figures who have recognized the same weaknesses all along but have been unable to counteract them.

UFO: Like who?

OBERG: I won't open them up to vilification and ad hominem attacks as well. Let me see: I could say that James Harder, Lucius Farish, Jacques Vallee, and Brad Sparks are not among them (laughing).

UFO: What weaknesses do these experts recognize, privately?



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OBERG: So-called "respected" UFO groups have tolerated the cranks and crackpots for decades, because they're needed for publicity and support to draw attention to the by-comparison sanity of their own activities. But do they keep files on the untrustworthy ones, the magazines that write fiction? Do they object when they are misquoted, distorted, or fictionalized in the UFO media? No, as far as I can tell, they do not. That's the big UFO coverup, if you ask me.

UFO: It's way past midnight now and there are a thousand things I want to talk more about, but do you have anything else to say?

OBERG: You'll be hearing from me, so if your readers are interested, I'll say those thousand things.

UFO: Any closing words?

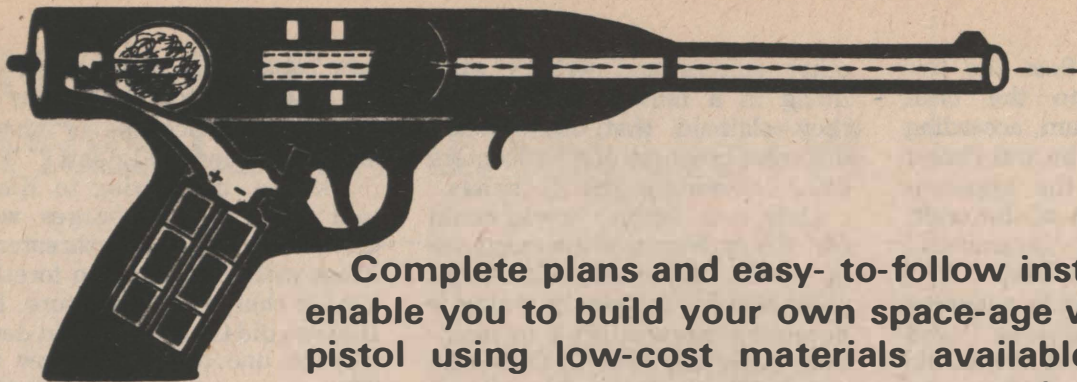
OBERG: Yes, I'm interested in UFOs because of the *chance* of something real being lost in all the noise. From my limited experience these last few years, I'm convinced that present standards are so pitifully bad that IF something real came along, either it would not be recognized, or it would be championed by those who have already cried "Wolf!" too often to be any longer believable. If I can help tighten up the standards, I'll take some credit if something is ever discovered. The people who are interested in UFOs, they're a lot like me, we share common interests and common outlooks on the universe. If we can come to share the same standards, then someday we can possibly share the same conclusions.

UFO: That's a remarkably benevolent and generous attitude coming from a man of your reputation.

OBERG: Maybe if more people knew the truth about me, I wouldn't have that kind of reputation. They can begin by reading my articles! □

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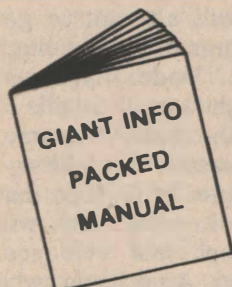
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not, were able to float the two unwilling men into the craft without touching them, according to Hickson. He said he and Parker were floated into the apparent center compartment of the craft, where they were "examined" with a camera-like device.

"We were floating in a leaning position," Hickson said, "and something that looked like an old headlight from an antique car came out of the wall and floated around us. It started at my head, and I guess it worked its way around my feet and up my back to my head again. I couldn't see it all the time. The front of it looked just like a big pupil."

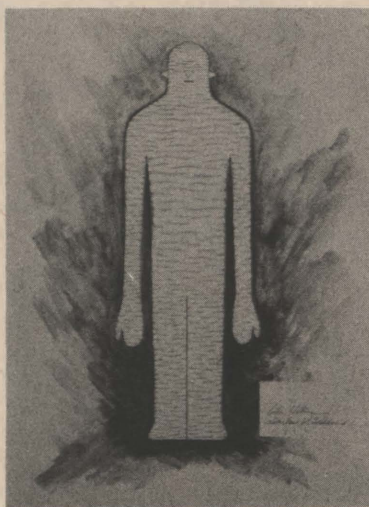
After the device had "examined" them, Hickson said he and Parker were floated out of the craft onto the pier and the aliens promptly departed. Neither of the men were wearing a watch when the alleged incident took place, but Hickson estimated they spent from 30 to 90 minutes in the craft. He didn't know if the craft had remained in the shipyard during that timespan.

One of the biggest critics of this close encounter incident is Philip Klass, a senior editor for *Aviation Week And Space Technology*, who listed a number of arguments against Hickson's story in his book, *UFOs Explained*. When it comes to criticizing UFO reports, Mr. Klass has proved that he is not an objective observer. He has stated time and time again that the 20 million Americans including astronauts, commercial and military pilots, radar experts and other sane and qualified people are crazy, suffering from hallucinations, outright liars or "misinterpreting the facts" when they see and report UFOs.

Mr. Klass' ability to see and judge reality is reflected in the way *Aviation Week* treated the Vietnam War. For more than a decade this magazine claimed that "air superiority" was winning the war. Back issues of this magazine reveal that Mr. Klass and the

other editors and writers were living in a fantasy world when they claimed that multimillion dollar jet bombers and helicopters were defeating jungle guerrillas.

Only in a fantasy world could Mr. Klass denounce the existence of UFOs. However, his books show that his imaginary reality is becoming more difficult to maintain. After the 1965 UFO flap he claimed that millions of Americans were seeing ball lightning. After the famous 1973 flap, which involved Hickson and Parker, he



said in *UFOs Explained* that trained and experienced pilots and other military personnel were seeing fireballs and meteors, not round solid vehicles.

Although Klass is very biased when it comes to UFOs, his distorted views are respected by some in the scientific establishment and the mass media. Therefore, his arguments against Hickson and Parker should be reviewed. Klass says the abduction site in the shipyard is barely 50 feet away from busy U.S. 90 and the East Pascagoula River Bridge. He also expresses doubts as to the validity of the lie detector tests Hickson and Parker took and charges that Hickson was fired from Ingalls' Shipyard in 1972 for "conduct unbecoming a supervi-

sor." Klass also notes that Hickson had filed for bankruptcy on July 6, 1973 because of "hopelessly high personal debts."

Hickson, in replying to Klass, said most of the charges were untrue and he has threatened Klass with a libel suit to forestall similar charges in the future. But Hickson did try to explain in detail why no one apparently saw the flying saucer from crowded U.S. 90, probably the weakest link in his story.

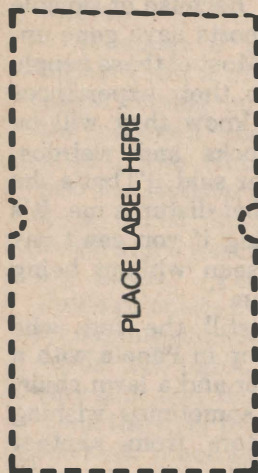
"At that time of year," Hickson said, "There were high weeds and bushes around the pier. I think that's what hid the ship. And the railings on the bridge and along 90 probably blocked the sight of passing motorists too."

Hickson also tried to explain why the bridge tender on duty the night of the alleged abduction didn't see the alien craft, despite the fact that his office had a direct view of the pier area. "I've crossed the bridge a number of times since the abduction, and every time I've passed the bridge tender's office he's been sitting facing away from the pier. I believe he was facing the wrong direction when the ship landed so of course he didn't see anything," Hickson concluded.

Hopefully, the true story of the Pascagoula case will be brought out when Hickson and Parker are put under hypnosis. The famous UFO close encounter case of Betty and Barney Hill in the early 1960s was brought to light when a psychiatrist put them under hypnosis and the whole story of their abduction came out. This time Mr. Watkins will attempt to get accurate drawings of these beings and their ship. Under hypnosis, these men might reveal details of the aliens and the craft. Of course, Klass and the rest of the military-industrial complex will claim that there is fraud involved and will refuse to accept this evidence. The 20 million Americans who have seen UFOs, however, know where the truth really lies. □

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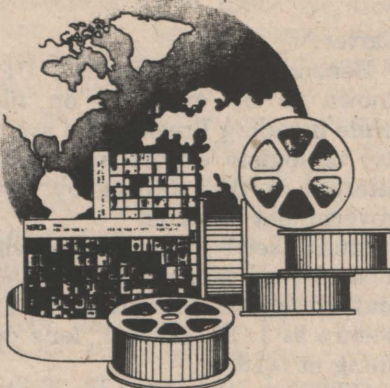
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on the speed of the object, it turns from white to orange and then to a brilliant red.

Many persons have also observed that the UFO is surrounded by a yellow haze. Persons who have viewed it through field glasses and telescopes claim that it has windows and have observed movement inside the object. The strangest report of all—and there are many who agree—is that the object becomes invisible!

J.C. Mahr, professor of astronomy and physics at Eastern Kentucky University said, "I know there is something up there—I saw it many times while walking in my backyard."

Professor Mahr said that it is more likely there is more than one of these UFOs making their appearances of this area. He further stated, "Once you have established that there are other civilizations, the question of space crafts have to come out."

Mahr is only one of many astronomers that feel UFOs are

possible aliens from another planet somewhere in the galaxy.

Another resident said that while driving home late one night, a bright blue light forced him off the road. "I was stuck in a ditch with my rear wheels in mid-air. There was no way I could back the car out...I just ducked behind the dashboard...and prayed. As I sat there, I noticed that the car was moving...as though some force was drawing it, sort of floating rather than pulling. When I got enough courage, I looked out the window. The car was on the road and the bright light was gone."

Dave Cox, the manager of the local radio station WRIV said that he too has seen the object, many times, perhaps 25 or 30. Several times he observed the UFOs no more than 30 yards away. "It appeared that the whole object was glowing and from where I stood I guess it was about 75 feet in diameter and round. Anyone who has seen it will admit that it's like nothing they've ever seen."

One woman who got annoyed at the object that kept appearing over her home took a shotgun and blasted away at it. "The darn thing got real red and then the light instantly went out in a burst of smoke...when the smoke was gone, so was the UFO."

It seems the police can do nothing, the Air Force refuses to investigate, and the established scientists find all kind of "logical" explanations. Because of ridicule many good reports have gone uninvestigated. Most of these people will not relate their experiences because they know they will be labeled as kooks and weirdos. Professor Mahr said, "That's the sort of thing that disturbs me. It's a hell of a thing if you can't say what you've seen without being run out of town."

There are still the few who climb the hilltop in Panola with a cold can of beer and a lawn chair, waiting, and sometimes wishing that the visitors from another world will return. □

UFOs BREACH PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY/continued from page 15

camera. It's very clear in the picture." Since the photo shows a multitude of reference points, there is no doubt of the reality of the UFO.

Five to ten seconds previously, Miss Arosemena had shot frame 35 and it showed no evidence of the UFO. "The negative showing the UFO is the same quality as the others and I don't think it's lens flare," she noted. "There's no explanation, except that a UFO was there, unknown to anyone until I caught it on film."

Investigating, Miss Arosemena telephoned Frank Graba of the FAA to learn if anything had shown up on radar at that time. He told her nothing had. A copy of the photo, along with pertinent information, was sent to President

Carter.

Because this is the first UFO known to be captured on film while invading Presidential security, ufologists expect a renewed interest in the subject by high government officials.

Linda used a Nikon camera with motordrive, Kodak Tri-X black and white film. She made the exposure at 1/150-second, lens opening at f/16.

Oddly, another UFO was sighted at Fort Amador, Panama just 24 hours earlier, and many wonder if it wasn't the same one. Brenda Reilly reported it after observing the UFO while fishing with friends on the causeway at Fort Amador.

Sandra Chandler, another in the fishing party, noticed mysterious

lights in the overcast sky and called Miss Reilly's attention to it. "It was spinning and moving forward," said Miss Reilly. "It then suddenly disappeared."

Before any in the group saw Linda Arosemena's photo, a drawing of the UFO was made. It shows a black inner oval with a dull grey metal-like outer cover. "Later we saw Miss Arosemena's photo and were really shocked," Miss Reilly said, "...for it was exactly like the one we saw!"

It's believed other photographers may have accidentally captured the UFO on film and *UFO Update* urges anyone who did to send a copy of the pictures, with complete background information. It could prove vital in our attempt to solve the riddle of UFOs. □

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Along with the signal from Barnard's Star, 12 other unexplained signals have been recorded.

Patrick Palmer said: They look more like artificial signals than natural ones. They probably are something that can be explained, but I feel we still have to keep an eye on these stars because one never knows if there are messages from other worlds out there waiting to be picked up."

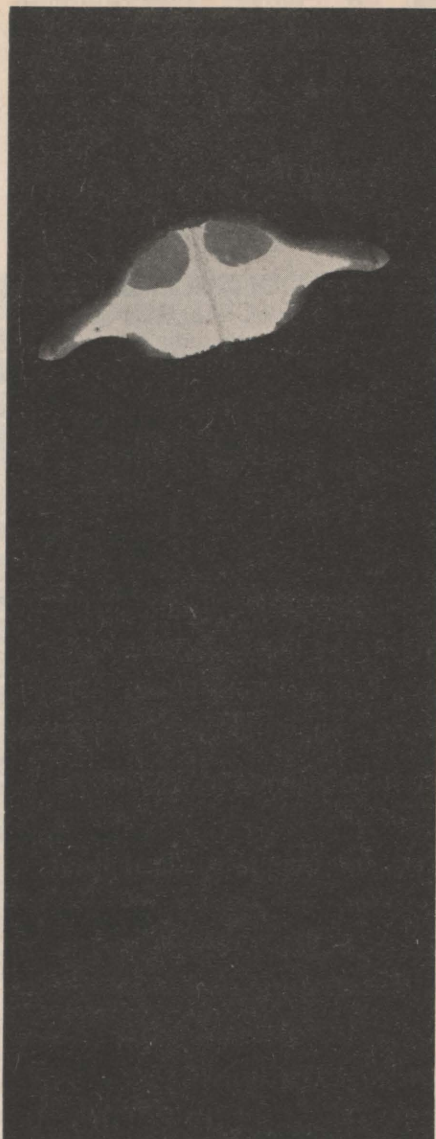
Because this is the first time unexplained radio signals have been received from distant stars, other radio telescopes have been alerted to monitor the certain stars. Palmer, like most scientists, believes that there are other worlds with intelligent life forms.

Palmer said: "Searching for them is very important because someday we will find them."

—SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

A police officer involved in this case suggests that the sightings have been officially covered up.

The officer answered the call which came in at about midnight. "There's a strange object in the sky" beamed the voice on the other end of the line. "It was like



nothing I ever saw before," said the caller, Rene Helton, who had noticed what appeared to be a "very strangely lit object in the sky." Her boy friend who was with her at the time also saw it.

"It was shaped like a children's top and it was just hanging in the air, it was just hovering there no more than two or three blocks away."

Patrolman John Kennedy was sent to investigate and arrived to find that the object was still there.

"When I got there I saw a lighted object coming at me at a high speed. I pulled off the road and, as it went by noticed it was shaped like a saucer with a round top on it. I also noticed many lights inside it and the bottom was a pure sea of light."

Officer Kennedy was startled as the UFO zoomed down the highway only yards above the road. Snapping out of a daze he turned his car around and gave chase with his sirens blasting away. Then a funny thing happened: According to Kennedy, the second he turned on the police siren, the UFO reacted to it. "When I activated my sirens, the UFO would come closer, and when I would turn off the siren, it would back away."

The incident is under investigation by several UFO organizations. □

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are several logical answers. One is that in every instance of human experience where in a highly developed culture comes into contact with a primitive one, the primitive culture is in one way or another destroyed. Perhaps the real answer is one subtle step further. They decline contact because the gap is too wide. We would not be able to accept as an equal a member of a civilization who stood on the shores of *our* sea

and watched the first air-breather crawl up onto the land; who listened to the rumble of dinosaurs; who saw the first hairy mammal drop from the trees and walk upright; who looked on as Neanderthal lit his first campfire; who gazed at the Great Pyramid when it was new, old, ancient—and was still alive when man walked on the moon.

We are still hatchlings in the nest, still too young to be aware

that it's only a nest—but we do have wings.

There is no proof that the ideas speculated on in this article are the *right* ones. However, they are theoretically possible.

We may someday find that the natural evolution of a civilization includes the leaving of a solar system to fly among all the stars in the galaxy. If not—well, there's always a first time. It's a challenge to look forward to. □

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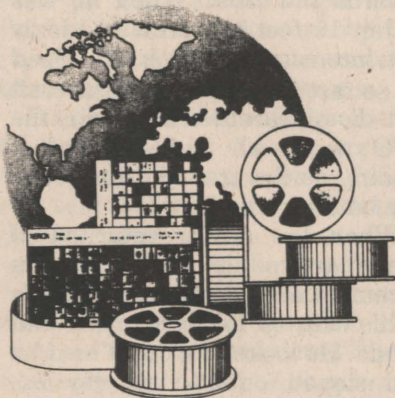
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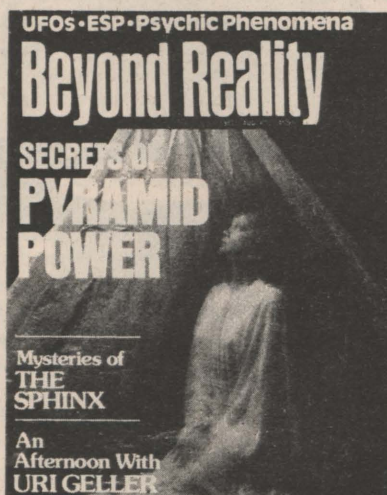
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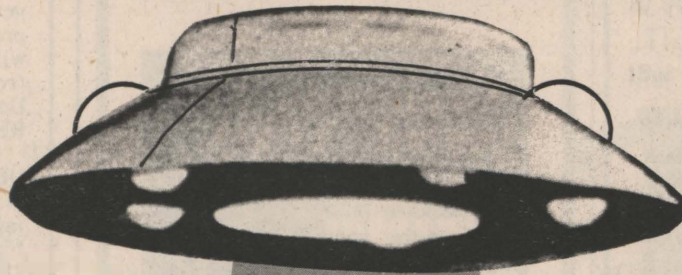
ed, the Biblical spacecraft using reference from the Bible. The sketch I received has a striking resemblance to Blumrich's Craft (see sketch on page 34).

Where does this lead to? Well, for one, we have here not one, but over 25 persons who swear that they did see flying objects of some kind, not once but many times.



Some sightings lasting for well over an hour, and reported by qualified persons. Yet authorities refuse to take an interest. What happened at Island Park is a classic as far as UFO sightings and encounters go, yet very little has been reported in the news media. It all adds up to another cover-up. □

BY EDWARD LOPEZ



BURNED BY A GLOWING FLYING OBJECT!

Reports are abundant on the close encounters that have resulted in physical damage to the humans who have approached too close to UFOs. Many accounts have been written in this and other magazines so they will not be repeated here. A recent UFO-related "burn" case comes from Kerman, California where a police officer was teated for, what appeared to be, "sunburn" after allegedly coming close to an unidentified space craft.

While patrolling one clear Saturday morning in early 1978, Patrolman Manuel Amparano witnessed a reddish glow over the western city limits and immediately thought a huge fire was in progress. Racing to the location of the glow he reached a plowed field but instead of a fire he came upon a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The glow was being caused by what appeared to be a large discoid-shaped flying object which changed colors from orange to a shimmering white.

After staring at the object for what seemed an eternity but



which in reality were minutes, and during which he was trying to convince himself that what he was seeing was real, the officer started to walk on the plowed field towards the craft. When he was within 15 feet the craft suddenly lost intensity and took off. Sped off so fast it seemed as if the craft just disappeared! Along with the UFO went all evidence of a landing as the craft did not leave any landing traces.

When the officer returned to headquarters his fellow officers became alarmed at the condition of his skin on his face, neck and hands. He looked as burnt as if he had stayed outside all day exposed to the sun. They counseled that he should go to the hospital for treatment which he immediately did. After treatment at the Fresno Community Hospital the officer filed a report with the Air Force which refused to comment on the experience. No further details have been released but Kerman Police Chief James Van Cleaf stated that his office is conducting a full investigation. □

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the sighting to authorities.

A search the following day failed to turn up any visible physical traces of the UFOs' visitation. Out of curiosity, they returned to the scene three days later and found a circle of burned vegetation fifty feet in diameter. A peculiar sweet, sticky oil also covered trees within the circle's perimeter. At last report samples of this substance were still undergoing test to determine what it is. This data, in combination with an examination of the soil and burned foliage, may tell us what kind of propulsion unit power these UFOs.

The most startling UFO incident took place in the Ocala National Forest on May 14, 1978. On that night, after receiving two identical reports of a UFO hovering over the Forest, the entire night-duty staff of Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range sighted UFOs on three different occasions during a span of two hours! Two of the UFOs also registered on Pinecastle's radar scope, although they performed maneuvers so complex and swift that the radar's computer tracking system could not cope and lost the image.

At 10:06 a female resident of Silver Glen Springs called the Pinecastle Duty Officer, SK-1 Robert J. Clark, to ask if the Navy was using flares at that time.

"I told her there were no flares in the area, and that the range wasn't operating at the time," Clark said. The woman then informed the base that something was operating over their airspace. Ten minutes later a man called to report a UFO sighting he and seven others had made. They were traveling near Silver Glen Springs on Florida 19 when a round craft estimated at 60 feet in diameter with flashing lights flew directly over their vehicle.

After Clark logged this second call, he decided to find out what was happening. He phoned the Jacksonville Naval Air Station and asked if any aircraft were over his area. Jacksonville informed him

there was not supposed to be any air traffic.

"So we got out the binoculars and went up on the (control) tower." We located an object due north, approximately 1500 feet above the trees. We watched it for 15 or 20 minutes and it looked pretty stationary," Clark said.

He figured if it was any kind of conventional, physical aircraft, it would show up on Pinecastle's radar scope. He went down to the radar shack where TD-2 Timothy Collins, a veteran of eight years operating Navy radar installations, was on duty. The radar was registering the bogey.

"We locked in on it, and then all of a sudden it was gone..." Clark continued.

At least this time the Navy admits that something was there!

Collins refused to guess what the object might have been, but he did know it moved much faster than any ordinary aircraft, even a jet propelled one, could.

"I just know I couldn't lock in. We were tracking it and, at first, I thought I had it but it started moving and by the time I caught up with it, it had changed directions."

While the object was hovering, Clark and Collins then asked the computer to estimate its altitude and air speed. The digital readout indicated the UFO was almost hovering at slightly over three miles an hour.

Suddenly it made a ninety degree turn that totally baffled the computer. From that point on none of the sophisticated equip-

ment at the base could track the elusive object.

"We were trying to determine the height of the object, the speed, and if it indeed was an aircraft," Clark said. "I can't explain what it was. It didn't seem to us like an aircraft."

The first UFO left, but was soon replaced by a second, possibly the same, craft in the east. Its presence was indicated only on the radar scope. It was not visible to the human eye, even when aided with binoculars. Between eleven and midnight the craft returned south of the base.

TD-AA Carol Snyder was one of twelve witnesses who climbed the control tower to watch the UFO through field glasses.

"We saw three very blurry lights—red, white and green," she reported. "We watched them for about 30 minutes. We couldn't see how fast they were traveling because we were holding the binoculars and our unsteadiness made the lights appear to be bouncing."

The night-duty crew spent the rest of the night discussing the phenomena they had seen. They were still talking about it the next morning when Lt. Commander Sullivan arrived at work.

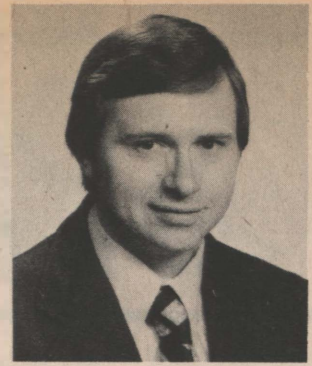
The first thing he did was call the Forestry Service to find out if they had been flying helicopters over the base the night before. They had not.

Sullivan, who has served the Navy for 34 years, did not automatically dismiss the incident as most men in his situation would. He expressed the utmost confidence in his personnel, who conducted themselves in a responsible, scientific way.

UFO sightings over Ocala have subsided for the time being, but military and civilian authorities, in addition to local residents, await the next visitation with a mixture of fear and anticipation. In the meantime, they are trying to understand why the objects have chosen to conduct reconnaissance missions over their region. □

THE FASTEST GROWING CHURCH IN THE WORLD

by Brother Keith E. L'Hommedieu D.D.



It's quite safe to say that of all the organized religious sects on the current scene, one church in particular stands above all in its unique approach to religion. The Universal Life Church is the only organized church in the world with no traditional religious doctrine. In the words of Kirby J. Hensley, founder, "The ULC only believes in what is right, and that all people have the right to determine what beliefs are right for them, as long as they do not interfere with the rights of others."

Reverend Hensley is the leader of the worldwide Universal Life Church with a membership now exceeding 7 million ordained ministers of all religious beliefs.

Reverend Hensley started the church in his garage by ordaining ministers for \$1.00 by mail. During the 1960's, he traveled all across the country appearing at college rallies held in his honor where he would perform mass ordinations of thousands of people at a time. These new ministers were then exempt from being inducted into the armed forces during the undeclared Vietnam war.

In 1966 Reverend Hensley was fighting the establishment on another front. The I.R.S. tried to claim the ULC wasn't a legal church and proceeded to impound the ten thousand dollars in the church bank account. The feisty Hensley filed suit against the I.R.S. in federal district court for return of the funds and to permanently establish the ULC as a legal tax exempt entity. On March 1, 1974

Judge James F. Battin ruled against the I.R.S. in his decision which stated, "Neither this court or any branch of this government will consider the merits or fallacies of a religion. Nor will the court praise or condemn a religion.

Were the court to do so, it would impinge upon the guarantees of the First Amendment." The judge then ordered the I.R.S. to return the impounded money and to grant the Universal Life Church its tax exempt status.

Reverend Hensley has stated that he believes a church is people and not just a fancy building. He also believes in total freedom and equality for all people. The ULC will ordain anyone without regard to religious beliefs, race, nationality, sex or age.

The ULC's success formula is both effective and unquestionably legal. After a person has become an ordained minister, he or she can join with two other people and form their own Universal Life Church. These three people then make up the board of directors consisting of a Pastor, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The ULC will then grant the group the use of its legal church charter complete with both federal and state tax exempt numbers. The newly formed church may then open a bank account in the church's name. Any member of the church can legally donate up to 50% of his or her outside income to the church and take a corresponding tax deduction. The church in turn can pay the complete housing cost of its minister including rent or mortgage payment, insurance, taxes, furnishings and repairs. The church can also provide the minister with full use of an automobile as well as pay for travel and educational expenses. None of these expenses are reported as income to the I.R.S. Recently a whole town in

Hardenburg, New York became Universal Life ministers and turned their homes into religious retreats and monasteries thereby relieving themselves of property taxes, at least until the state tries to figure out what to do.

Churches enjoy certain other tax benefits over the common man on the street. For instance, a church can legally buy and sell real estate or stocks and bonds completely tax free. It can receive tax free income from bank deposits or mortgages. Many churches own large publishing, recording, or other related businesses like hospitals, clinics and schools without paying any income tax.

A church can sponsor any kind of fund raising event such as a concert, play or even bingo. Churches are also exempt from paying inheritance taxes. When the pastor of the church dies, the board of directors simply appoints a new pastor and the church goes on.

Reverend Hensley has stated that he personally doesn't believe in the tax exempt status of churches. However, if the government is going to give a free ride to Billy Graham and the Pope, then why not let everybody participate in these blessings. Furthermore, he backs up his words by offering to defend in court any of his churches against an attack by a government agency.

Since the church was founded in 1962, it has attracted members who are movie and TV personalities, businessmen, government officials, lawyers, and doctors as well as all types of regular working people. During the last 15 years the Universal Life Church has blossomed into a full blown grass roots populace movement. Reverend Hensley is ordaining ten thousand ministers a week and predicts that the church will have over 20,000,000 members by the 1980's. In addition, requests for interviews and TV appearances continue to pour in.

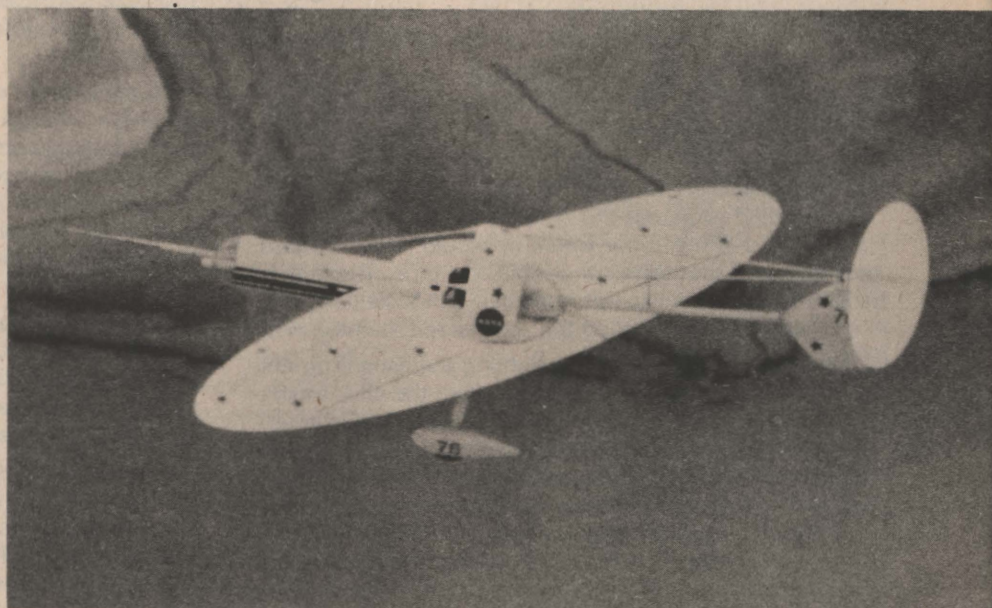
Anyone who is a member of the ULC will tell you that the ULC is destined to change the world. By unifying mankind into a brotherhood of freedom orientated individuals, each respecting the other's right to live life as they see fit, the Universal Life Church hopes to put an end to all wars. Reverend Hensley admits that this is a pretty monumental task to accomplish, but he also points out that he is already well on the way to reaching his goal. Reverend Hensley invites anyone wishing to become a ULC minister to send a \$5.00 tax deductible donation for the cause, to the Universal Life Church Monastery, P.O. Box 669 (UFO), Aptos, CA., 95003.

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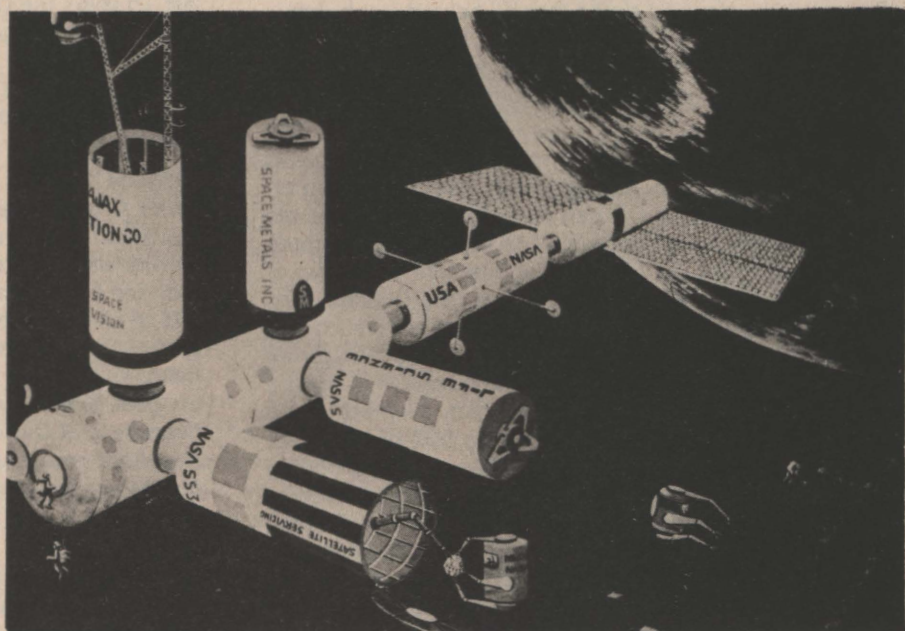
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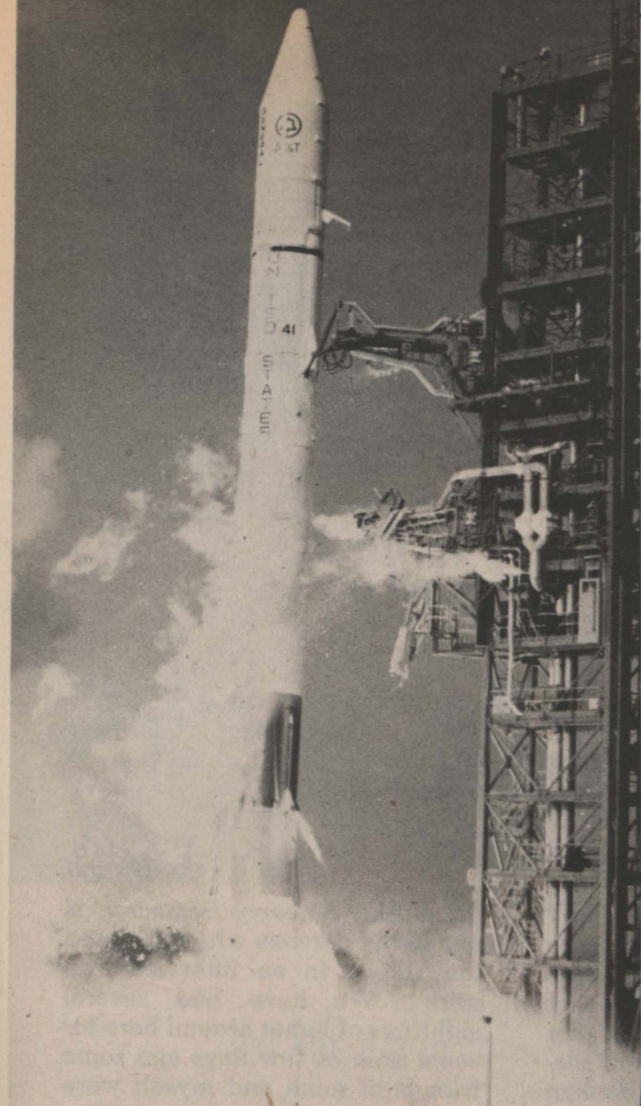
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This Remotely Piloted Research Vehicle [RPRV], is being developed under a joint program between the Dryden Flight Research Center and the Ames Research Center to test the concept of the oblique wing. The RPRV is flown by a test pilot in a ground cockpit using television and telemetry. This technique allows the pilot to remain in constant control of the RPRV at all times enabling him to make complicated maneuvers not possible with other remote control techniques.

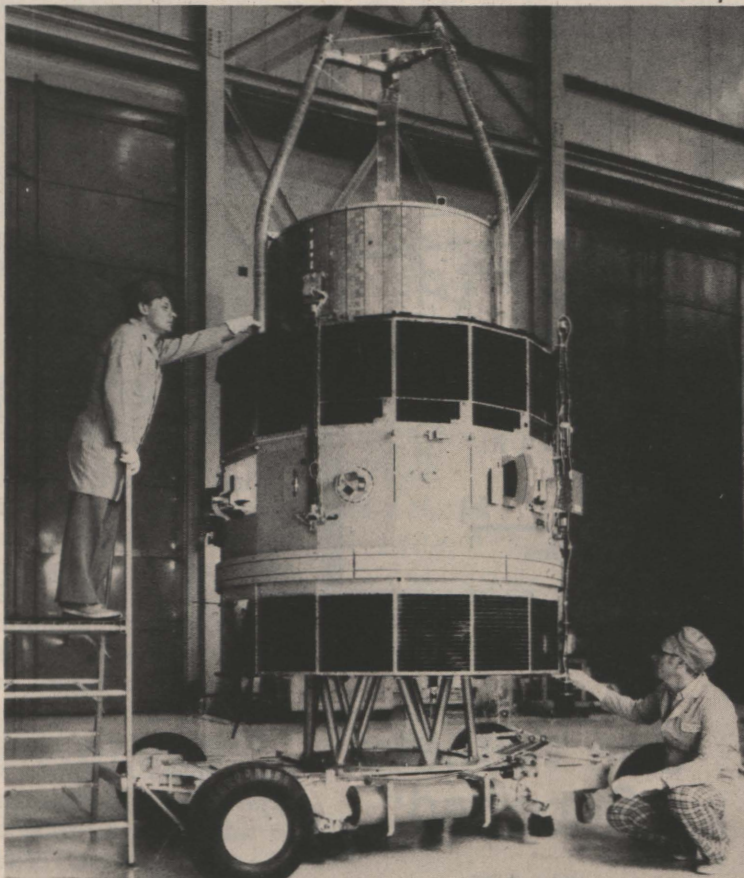


Shown here is an early concept of a Space Industrial Facility in Earth orbit. This new approach to a Space Station would combine the Orbiting Laboratory concept with the emerging needs for construction camp, work station and industrial complex. These will include private and public enterprises as well as structures assembly in progress, performed by "Space Riggers, Inc."





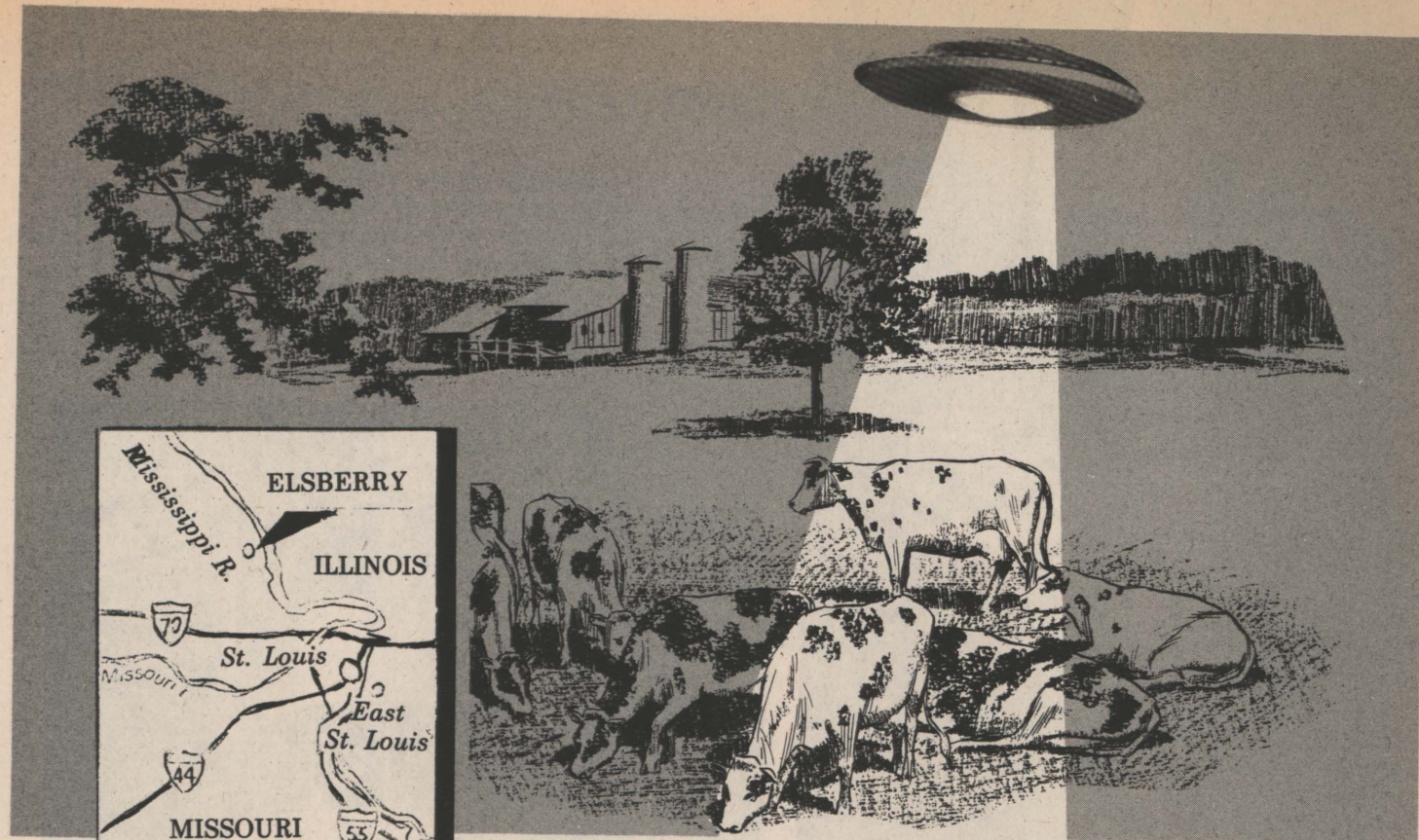
Atlas Centaur 41, carrying Comstar D-3, lifts off at Cape Canaveral. The satellite will be used primarily for domestic long-distance telephone service in the U.S. COMSAT General will reimburse NASA for the cost of the Atlas Centaur rocket and related launch services. This is the third in a series.



These men are preparing an international Sun-Earth explorer for launch. A Delta rocket will launch the equipment from Cape Canaveral, Florida. Its mission will be to study the solar wind and its interaction with Earth's environment. The satellite weighs 748 pounds.



The new Space Shuttle space suit is designed to allow space travelers to perform more tasks with much less physical exertion than equipment worn by the Apollo astronauts.



One Witness Reported: **THE CARCASSES WERE GLUED TO THE TREE!**

BY LYDIA BELIL

First, everyone was talking about the lights in the sky, strange lights that would change colors and suddenly disappear. But that was the least of the problems that beset the small community of Elsberry, Missouri. The real problem was trying to figure out who or what was mutilating their cattle.

Speculations of creatures from outer space equipped with laser-type surgical instruments abound in this small farming community of approximately 1,500. Their animals have been cut up "real clean," as one farmer put it. These mutilations have been occurring since April 26, 1978. Another strange aspect is that the carcasses are always devoid of blood!

Farmer Sam Mayes said, "I found the calf but I wasn't expecting what I saw. At first I didn't notice the incisions which were about 14 inches in diameter. Whoever did the cutting certainly knew how to use a knife. There was no blood and I thought that was mighty strange. I've been farming for 35 years and I never saw anything like it. You can't tell me it was done by any four-legged varmint."

Margaret A. Watts, editor of

the weekly *Elsberry Democrat*, is one of the persons who have seen the UFOs. In an interview she said: "We have had several sightings of lights around here for some time. A few days ago some friends of mine and myself were riding around the farm roads towards the evening and we saw this strange orange glow in the sky. Some young men nearby were watching it through binoculars. It finally disappeared."

Asked if she believed the mutilations were caused by creatures from outer space, she said, "Well, there was a preacher here last night, quoting from Revelations, and he told me not to let them talk me out of seeing those lights. I saw them..."

Miss Watts mentioned that the weirdest thing about the mutilations was that the carcasses of the cows were "glued to the trees." They seemed to have just melted by some tremendous heat. Entomologists can't explain these events but studies are being made by investigating teams from the University of Missouri.

As for the local police, they're baffled by the mystery. "We are keeping an open mind," said police chief John Livengood. □

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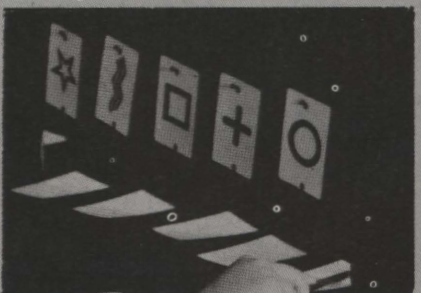
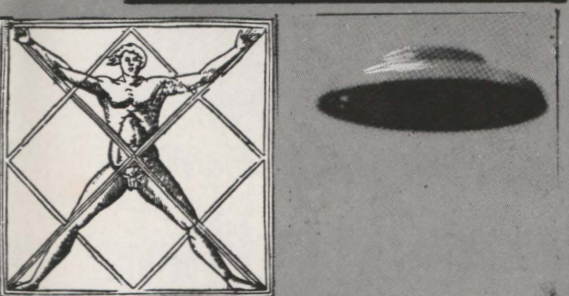
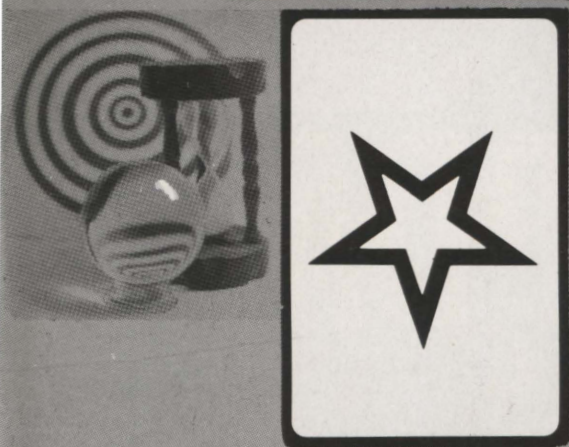
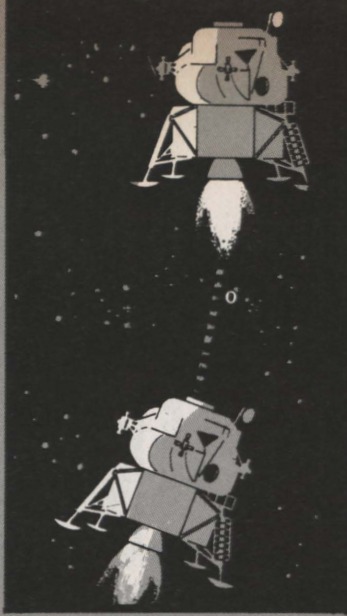
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